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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON.

1888.

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In School Committee, Jan. 9, 1888.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston, for this municipal year, was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 9, 1888, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock P.M.

Present : all the members except Mr. Crowley.

The Board was called to order by Mr. William C. Williamson, the senior member.

At the request of the Chair prayer was offered by Rev. Raphael Lasker. Prayer.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms : Messrs. Canning, Chapin, Crowley, Darling, Dunn, Gallagher, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, Hyde, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, Walsh, and Williamson. Members with unexpired terms.

The Chair read the following : —

City Clerk's Office, Boston, Dec. 22, 1887. Communication from City Clerk.

I hereby certify that it appears from the records in this office that the following-named persons were chosen at the last municipal election as members of the School Committee for the term of three years : Emily A. Fifield, George R. Swasey, John G. Blake, Russell D. Elliott, Joseph T. Duryea, Edward C. Carrigan, Thomas O'Grady, Jr., Joseph D. Fallon.

J. H. O'NEIL,
City Clerk.

Phineas Bates, Esq.,
Secretary of the School Committee.

Placed on file.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Elliott, Hall, and Dunn a committee to collect the certificates of members-elect. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the newly elected Credentials of members-elect.

members: For three years, Emily A. Fifield, George R. Swasey, John G. Blake, Russell D. Elliott, Joseph T. Duryea, Edward C. Carrigan, Thomas O'Grady, Jr., and Joseph D. Fallon.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year, which involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year, which do not involve the expenditure of money, be adopted for the present year until otherwise ordered.

Election of President.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to ballot for a President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Grainger, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

There were four ballots as follows: —

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.
Whole No. of votes.....	22	22	22	22
Necessary for a choice. .	12	12	12	12
James S. Murphy	11	10	11	10
William C. Williamson...	9	9	10	12
John C. Crowley	1	1	..	..
Bordman Hall.....	1	1	1	..
Phineas Bates.....	..	1	..	..

On the fourth ballot Mr. William C. Williamson having received the necessary number of votes was declared elected President of the School Committee. William C. Williamson elected President.

The President in the chair.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Chapin, Gallagher, and Griffin were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 11. Phineas Bates had 21 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Secretary.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, the President administering the oath of office. Secretary qualified.

The Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. Darling, Dunn, and Hall were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 10. William J. Porter had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Auditing Clerk.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Walsh, Hall, and Lasker were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 12. Alvah H. Peters had 22 votes, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Messenger.

The Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation. Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Canning, and McDonald a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 10. Russell D. Elliott and George R. Swasey had each one vote;

and Nahum Chapin had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees when appointed.

On motion of Mr. Darling, it was

Convention to fill a vacancy in School Committee.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen, to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the Board of School Committee, caused by the death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey, and proposing a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at half-past seven o'clock P.M., on the twenty-fourth day of January, 1888, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Mr. Griffin offered the following: —

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when the Board adjourns, it be to meet on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 5 o'clock P.M., and that no meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, it was

Payment of salary due Julia Shehan.

Ordered, That the salary due Julia Shehan, deceased, late janitor of the Bank Building School, South Boston, be paid to her sister-in-law, Catherine Shehan.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Additional copies of report of Committee on Manual Training Schools to be printed.

Ordered, That six hundred additional copies of the report of the Committee on Manual Training Schools (School Document 22, 1887), be printed.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Committee on Legislative Matters to be a

Ordered, That, with the Standing Committees, a committee of three, to be known as the Committee on Legis-

lative Matters, be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the public schools of Boston that may come before the Legislature during the present year; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to so amend the Rules that the same shall be a Standing Committee of the Board.

standing committee.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Ordered, That, inasmuch as there are several children in South Boston without school accommodations, the City Council be again requested to furnish additional school-room accommodations for those children.

Additional school accommodation in South Boston.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 12, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present, all the members except Messrs. Blake, Crowley, Darling, Dunn, Elliott, Gallagher, Grainger, Hall, and Lasker.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair appointed the following Standing Committees; also the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees.

Accounts. — Edwin H. Darling, chairman; Messrs. Canning, Griffin, Williamson. Vacancy.

Annual Report. — Charles T. Gallagher, chairman; Messrs. Canning and McDonald.

Drawing. — Charles T. Gallagher, chairman; Messrs. Lasker, Hall, McDonald, and O'Grady.

Elections. — Edwin H. Darling, chairman; Messrs. Grainger and Hyde.

Evening Schools. — Charles T. Gallagher, chairman; Messrs. Lasker, Murphy, Carrigan, and Williamson.

Examinations. — John C. Crowley, chairman; Messrs. Hyde, Fallon, Duryea, and Mrs. Fifield.

Horace Mann School. — William A. Dunn, chairman; Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Fifield.

Hygiene. — Russell D. Elliott, chairman; Messrs. Crowley and Blake.

Legislative Matters. — John C. Crowley, chairman; Messrs. Fallon and Swasey.

Manual Training Schools. — James S. Murphy, chairman; Messrs. Blake and O'Grady.

Music. — Gerald Griffin, chairman; Messrs. Canning, Dunn, Williamson. Vacancy.

Nominations. — William A. Dunn, chairman; Messrs. Grainger, Crowley, Murphy. Vacancy.

Rules and Regulations. — Charles T. Gallagher, chairman; Messrs. Fallon, Murphy, Hall, and McDonald.

Salaries. — George B. Hyde, chairman; Messrs. Hall, Griffin, Grainger, and Walsh.

School Houses. — Nahum Chapin, chairman; Messrs. Darling, Lasker, Canning, and Walsh.

Sewing. — Emily A. Fifield, chairman; Messrs. Hall, Canning, Walsh, and Swasey.

Supplies. — Nahum Chapin, chairman; Messrs. Elliott, Murphy, Crowley, and Hyde.

Text-Books. — John G. Blake, chairman; Messrs. Crowley, Fallon, Swasey, and Duryea.

Truant Officers. — Russell D. Elliott, chairman; Messrs. Hyde, Dunn, Griffin, and Duryea.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal, High School, and Division Committees.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hyde, Murphy, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Carrigan and Duryea.

High Schools. — Messrs. Blake, Gallagher, Crowley, Fallon, and Williamson.

First Division. — Messrs. Grainger, Hall, Chapin, Dunn, and McDonald.

Second Division. — Messrs. McDonald, Chapin, Murphy, Darling, and Griffin.

Third Division. — Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Dunn, Carrigan. Vacancy.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Crowley, Swasey, Duryea, O'Grady, and Williamson.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Hyde, Lasker, Blake, Fallon, and Walsh.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Fallon, Gallagher, Canning, Walsh, and Swasey.

Seventh Division. — Messrs. Murphy, Crowley, Lasker, Griffin. Vacancy.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Hyde, Elliott, and O'Grady.

Ninth Division. — Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Canning and Grainger.

The appointments were approved.

Mr. Canning offered the following: —

Transfer of George R. Keene.

Ordered, That George R. Keene, third assistant in the Lyman District, be transferred to the same position in the Pierce District, to date from Jan. 3, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, it was

Sewing extended to first class of the Wells School.

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be extended into the first class of the Wells School, under Section 234 of the Regulations; and that such instruction be authorized to date from Dec. 1, 1887.

Report of Committee on School-Houses; new Grammar School-house for Pierce District.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order relative to a new Grammar School-house for the Pierce District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a new Grammar School-house for the Pierce District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Second Division; new Primary School-house in the Bunker Hill District.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, submitted the following report:—

In June, 1886, this committee recommended that the City Council be requested to provide a four-room Primary School-house for the accommodation of the pupils in the Bunker Hill School District. An order to that effect was passed by the School Board and forwarded to the City Council, but the school-house has not yet been provided. The committee, recognizing the special wants of other sections of the city with regard to school accommodations, have hitherto refrained from pressing their own needs in this regard, but now consider it to be their duty to urge that this school-house be erected as soon as is possible. There are at present two small buildings, each containing but one room, now occupied by primary pupils, which are unsuitable for further use. The Instructor in Hygiene, in his recent report to this committee, states that "the two schools on Haverhill street ought to be condemned and abandoned. They are unfit for school purposes, and it is not fair to the children to keep them in such quarters. It is only necessary to visit one of these little rooms to realize their unfitness. The dimensions are about 25 × 19 × 8½ feet, giving 72 cubic feet for each pupil, instead of 216, the still too small amount allowed for each child in the schools of recent construction. There is a stove in the room which often overheats it. On my visit last month the thermometer stood at 85°, and worse than that, the air was loaded with the impurities of respiration."

The committee recommend the passage of the following order:—

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a four or six room building in the Bunker Hill District, for Primary-school pupils, in that portion of the district called Charlestown Neck.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Mr. Carrigan, for the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the nominations of the following-named assistants of Evening Schools:—

Lincoln School.—Mary M. Clapp, Florence K. Manson, and Bertha Pierce, to date from Jan. 2, 1888.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant in the Prince District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Dec. 15, 1887, under the provisions of Section 88 of the rules. Salary of E. Isabelle Bense.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 24, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, Mr. Joseph D. Fallon, the senior member, in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Carrigan, Crowley, and Williamson.

Mr. Fallon President *pro tem.* Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the rules were suspended, and it was voted that the senior member occupying the chair act as President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Convention to fill vacancy in School Board.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to hold a convention with this Board, on this day and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this Board caused by the death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey; and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

IN CONVENTION.

President of convention.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, Hon. Charles H. Allen, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, was chosen President of the convention.

Report of Committee on Elections; candidates for vacancy in School Board.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the following nominations of candidates to fill the vacancy in the School Committee caused by the death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey: —

Harvey N. Collison and John W. Porter.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a member of the School Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Timothy J. Dacey.

The results of the several ballots were as follows: —

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.
Whole number of votes	29	31	32	31	32	32	31
Necessary for a choice	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
Harvey N. Collison	14	15	15	17	16	16	18
John W. Porter	15	16	17	14	16	16	13

Harvey N. Collison elected a member of the School Committee.

On the seventh ballot Harvey N. Collison, having received the necessary number of votes, was declared elected a member of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the convention dissolved.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Common Council; establishment of an advanced grade of studies.

City of Boston,
In Common Council, Jan. 19, 1888.

Ordered, That the School Board be requested to consider and report on the expediency of establishing an advanced grade of studies in connection with Boston's system of public schools; said proposed advanced grade to embrace the curriculum of studies at present provided by the academical course at Harvard College.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Jan. 19, 1888.

Passed.

DAVID F. BARRY,
President.

A true copy.
Attest:

JOSEPH O'KANE,
Clerk of the Common Council.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Adams District. — Mabel F. A. Woodbury, from Jan. 9, 1888. Special assistant, Primary Schools.

Hancock District. — Julia F. Holland, from Jan. 3, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Lewis District. — Anna G. Wells, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1888. Temporary teachers.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from Jan. 12, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bennett District. — Leslie D. Hooper, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1888. Election of teachers on probation.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1887.

Lyman District. — William A. Lenihan, third assistant, from Jan. 16, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Harriet E. Tower and Alice M. Barton, third assistants.

Harvard District. — Abbie M. Libby, second assistant; Elizabeth W. Allen, third assistant.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers, for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Ellenette Pillsbury.

Adams District. — Ellenette Pillsbury, third assistant, until April 1, 1888.

Susan F. Rowe.

Dearborn District. — Susan F. Rowe, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; Blanche L. Ormsby, substitute.

Emma M. Savil.

Dor.-Everett District. — Emma M. Savil, third assistant, until April 1, 1888; Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

Ella T. Jackson.

Dudley District. — Ella T. Jackson, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; Agnes A. Watson, substitute.

Mary E. Skinner.

Hancock District. — Mary E. Skinner, second assistant, until April 1, 1888; Mary A. Mahan, substitute.

Emeline C. Farley.

Phillips District. — Emeline C. Farley, third assistant, until April 1, 1888.

Elizabeth A. Prichard.

Warren District. — Elizabeth A. Prichard, fourth assistant, until March 1, 1888; Agnes Hurlihy, substitute.

Adelaide A. Rea.

Wells District. — Adelaide A. Rea, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; Mary E. Smith, substitute.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of assistant instructors in modern languages be fixed at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, to date from April 1, 1888.

Salary of assistant instructors in modern languages.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to appoint a special teacher of physics in the Boys' Latin School, at a salary of one hundred and thirty-two dollars per month.

Special teacher of physics in Boys' Latin School. Salary of.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of the Instructor in Military Drill be fixed at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, to date from April 1, 1888; and that the salary of the Armorer be fixed at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum, to date from April 1, 1888.

Salaries of Instructor in Military Drill and the Armorer.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide, as soon as possible, temporary school accommodations in the Lowell District.

Lowell District; temporary school accommodations.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Primary School-house in the Lowell District.

Lowell District; new Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to pro-

Dudley District;

new Primary School-house.

vide a new Primary School-house for the Dudley District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Dudley School-house; enlargement of yard of.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land for the enlargement of the yard of the Dudley School-house, and to give another entrance to the school.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary due Adeline S. Tufts.

Ordered, That the salary due Adeline S. Tufts, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Prince District, be paid to her sister, Isabella H. Tufts.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Jan. 24, 1888.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being ten months' payments of the present financial year: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1887-88.	February Draft.	Expenditures, 10 months, 1887-88.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,242,088 00	$106,692 49	$1,023,289 54	$218,798 46
Salaries, Officers . . .	57,760 00	4,848 33	47,911 33	9,848 67
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	240,000 00	8,295 50	82,481 26	40,108 45
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		3,908 88	58,294 88	
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		3,058 56	59,115 41	
	$1,539,848 00	$126,803 76	$1,271,092 42	$268,755 58

As compared with the corresponding time last year,	
Salaries (Instructors, Officers, Janitors) increased	$30,160 65
Fuel, Gas, and Water increased	9,209 35
Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses increased	2,204 52
Total increase in expenses for ten months . .	$41,574 52

For the Committee on Accounts,

EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Truant Officers, submitted the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Annual report of Committee on Truant Officers.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That one thousand additional copies of the report of the Committee on Examinations on the establishment of public Kindergartens (School Doc. No. 21, 1887), be printed.

Additional copies of Report of Committee on Examinations; establishment of public Kindergartens.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, Jan. 16, 1888.

WILLIAM C. WILLIAMSON, Esq., *President, etc.*: —

DEAR SIR, — I would respectfully tender my resignation as chairman and member of the Committee on Annual Report, and also as chairman and member of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, as my health is such at present as I shall be unable to attend to the duties of the same.

Yours very respectfully,

CHAS. T. GALLAGHER.

Resignation of Charles T. Gallagher as member of Committees on Annual Report and Rules and Regulations.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 14, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Crowley, Dunn, Elliot, and Gallagher.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair stated that the credentials of Harvey N. Collison as a member of this Board had been received and would be placed on file.

Credentials of Harvey N. Collison.

Mr. Collison appeared and took his seat.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 2, 1888.

Communication from City Council: Manual training.

Ordered, That the School Board be requested to consider and report on the expediency of establishing a system of manual training in connection with the public schools of the city.

Passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Feb. 6, 1888.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, Feb. 8, 1888.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Everett District. — Lydia A. Sawyer, fourth assistant, Jan. 9, 1888.

Lowell District. — Anna F. Sears, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1888.

Rice District. — Martha E. Pritchard, first assistant, March 1, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dearborn District. — Emma L. Merrill, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1888.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Sullivan, third assistant, from Feb. 14, 1888.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Annie M. Wilson, fourth assistant, from Jan. 25, 1888.

Lowell District. — Anna S. Cameron, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1888.

Rice District. — Agnes B. Hudson, third assistant, from Feb. 6, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Boys' Latin School. — Joseph Y. Bergen, Jr., special teacher of physics, from Jan. 11, 1888.

Dudley District. — Lucy G. M. Card, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1888.

Everett District. — Nellie G. McElwain, fourth assistant, from Jan. 9, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Mary B. Chaloner, third assistant, fourth year, from Feb. 1, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Clara A. Brown, third assistant, third year, from Feb. 1, 1888.

Tileston District. — Ida T. Weeks, third assistant, from Feb. 6, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Adams District. — Charles H. Wilson, second assistant; Emily H. Sanderson, fourth assistant.

Bennett District. — Sarah M. Taylor, third assistant.

Dwight District. — Eva L. Munroe and Mary E. O'Brien, fourth assistants.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Ellen F. A. Hagerty, M. Louise Foster, and Mary W. Currier, third assistants.

Hyde District. — Abby M. Thompson, fourth assistant.

Lewis District. — Kate M. Groll, third assistant.

Minot District. — E. Gertrude Cushing, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Stoughton District. — Carrie M. Watson, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Feb. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Resignation of a teacher.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, reported the resignation of Clara A. Newell, third assistant in the Eliot District, the resignation to take effect Feb. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Ella S. Wales.

Gibson District. — Ella S. Wales, second assistant, until April 1, 1888; Anna E. Lanning, substitute.

Abby M. Thompson.

Hyde District. — Abby M. Thompson, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; Mary A. Higgins, substitute.

Maria L. Young.

Maria L. Young, sewing-teacher, until April 1, 1888; Margaret A. Kelley, substitute.

Susan A. Dutton.

Lewis District. — Susan A. Dutton, third assistant, until April 1, 1888; Mary E. Howard, substitute.

Susan G. B. Garland.

Lowell District. — Susan G. B. Garland, third assistant, until April 1, 1888; Helen C. Laughlin, substitute.

Annetta F. Armes.

Martin District. — Annetta F. Armes, second assistant, until April 1, 1888; Elinor F. Buckley, substitute.

J. Annie Bense.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, until April 1, 1888.

Lucy J. Dunnels.

Lucy J. Dunnels, third assistant, until April 1, 1888; Bessie L. Barnes, substitute.

Florence J. Bigelow.

Florence J. Bigelow, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; Hattie C. Hathaway, substitute.

Harriet D. Hinckley.

Prince District. — Harriet D. Hinckley, first assistant, until April 1, 1888; Clara E. Fairbanks, substitute.

Ella F. Wyman.

Rice District. — Ella F. Wyman, second assistant, Primary School, until April 1, 1888; Helen A. Woods, substitute.

Emma L. Wyman.

Emma L. Wyman, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; Margaret E. Carey, substitute.

Nellie F. Brazer.

Sherwin District. — Nellie F. Brazer, third assistant, until April 1, 1888; Katharine J. Keefe, substitute.

Anna D. Dalton.

Warren District. — Anna D. Dalton, second assistant, until April 1, 1888; Myra F. Towle, substitute.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of six dollars per week, for travelling expenses, be paid to Joseph B. Sharland, special instructor in music in the High Schools; said sum to be paid for such weeks only during which the schools are in session.

Travelling expenses of J. B. Sharland, Special Instructor in Music.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Carrigan, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sessions of the evening schools be extended one week beyond the time provided for in the Regulations, and that they be closed this year on the second Friday in March.

Term of evening schools extended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on Annual School Report of 1887, submitted the report of that committee.

Annual Report of School Committee.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the report of the Committee on the Annual School Report of 1887 be printed.

Edition of Annual School Report.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider and report upon the expediency of so amending the Rules that the Committee on Annual Report shall present its report on or before the second Tuesday in December of each year.

Time for presenting annual report; amendment to Rules proposed.

Passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a new Grammar School Building of ten rooms and a hall in the Gibson District.

New Grammar School-house for Gibson District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Old Minot School-house to be repaired and remodelled.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the old Minot School-house to be repaired and remodelled.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses with full powers.

Estimates for 1888–89.

Mr. Darling, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1888–89, and asked that the same be approved by the Board: —

SCHOOLS. — ESTIMATES, 1888–89.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, Feb. 14, 1888.

James H. Dodge, Esq., *City Auditor:* —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the Public Schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1888, and ending April 30, 1889, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,
EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman Committee on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

First Grade.

6	Head-Masters, at	$3,780	$22,680
2	Masters	3,168	6,336
21	"	2,880	60,480
2	Junior-Masters	2,016	4,032
3	" "	1,728	5,184
1	" Master	1,584	1,584
4	" Masters	1,440	5,760
2	" "	1,296	2,592
3	" "	1,152	3,456
1	" Master	1,008	1,008
			$113,112

Amount carried forward, $113,112

Amount brought forward,			$113,112

Second Grade.

38 Masters, at	$2,880	$109,440	
4 "	2,820	11,280	
2 "	2,760	5,520	
4 "	2,700	10,800	
3 "	2,640	7,920	
1 Sub-Master	2,496	2,496	
1 " "	2,436	2,436	
11 Sub-Masters	2,280	25,080	
5 " "	2,220	11,100	
1 Sub-Master	2,160	2,160	
2 Sub-Masters	2,040	4,080	
2 " "	1,980	3,960	
1 Sub-Master	1,920	1,920	
4 Sub-Masters	1,860	7,440	
4 " "	1,800	7,200	
4 " "	1,740	6,960	
1 Sub-Master	1,680	1,680	
3 Sub-Masters	1,620	4,860	
4 " "	1,560	6,240	
			232,572

Third Grade.

1 Assistant Principal, at	$1,800	$1,800	
3 First Assistants	1,620	4,860	
1 Second Assistant	1,380	1,380	
1 " "	1,284	1,284	
8 Assistants	1,380	11,040	
1 Assistant	1,332	1,332	
2 Assistants	1,284	2,568	
11 "	1,236	13,596	
3 "	1,140	3,420	
1 Assistant	1,092	1,092	
4 Assistants	1,044	4,176	
3 "	996	2,988	
2 "	948	1,896	
5 "	900	4,500	
4 "	852	3,408	
4 "	804	3,216	
3 "	756	2,268	
			64,824
Amount carried forward,			$410,508

Amount brought forward,			$410,508

Fourth Grade.

1	First Assistant at	$1,380	$1,380
59	" Assistants	1,080	63,720
3	" "	1,044	3,132
5	" "	1,008	5,040
3	" "	972	2,916
3	" "	936	2,808
84	Second "	816	68,544
9	" "	804	7,236
10	" "	792	7,920
16	" "	780	12,480
9	" "	768	6,912
271	Third "	744	201,624
27	" "	696	18,792
22	" "	648	14,256
23	" "	600	13,800
24	" "	552	13,248
20	" "	504	10,080
15	" "	456	6,840
289	Fourth "	744	215,016
28	" "	696	19,488
23	" "	648	14,904
21	" "	600	12,600
24	" "	552	13,248
24	" "	504	12,096
17	" "	456	7,752
25	Temporary Teachers, 50 days		2,325
30	Special Assistants, 50 days		1,500
			759,657

Special Grade.

School on Spectacle Island: —		
Instructor		400
Special Teacher of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc., Normal School		828
Sewing: —		
30 Instructors, 222 Divisions		16,380
High Schools: —		
Director of Modern Languages	$3,000	
2 Assistants	2,000	
		5,000
Amount carried forward,		$1,192,773

Amount brought forward,		$1,192,773
Deaf-Mutes: —		
1 Principal	$1,800	
8 Assistants	6,500	
		8,300
Music: —		
1 Instructor, High Schools	$2,640	
4 Instructors, Grammar and Primary Schools	10,560	
		13,200
Drawing: —		
Director		3,000
Hygiene: —		
1 Instructor		3,000
Chemistry: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$1,380	
" " 1 Laboratory Assistant	744	
		2,124
Physical Culture: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$960	
Girls' Latin, 1 Instructor	492	
		1,452
Military Drill: —		
Instructor	$1,500	
Armorer	660	
		2,160
Manual Training Schools: —		
Instructors		4,300
Evening High School: —		
Head Master, 22 weeks	$1,100	
21 Assistants, 22 weeks	9,240	
Clerk	440	
		10,780
Evening Elementary Schools: —		
13 Principals, 22 weeks	$5,720	
83 Assistants, 22 weeks	13,695	
		19,415
Evening Drawing Schools: —		
2 Masters, 66 evenings	$1,320	
4 Head Assistants, 66 evenings	1,584	
17 Assistants, 66 evenings	5,610	
5 Curators	660	
		9,174
Total for Instructors		$1,269,678

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200
6 Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680
Secretary	2,880
Auditing Clerk	2,880
Assistants	2,320
Copyist	1,000
Assistant in offices, School Department	600
Messengers	1,820
16 Truant-Officers	19,800
Total for Officers	$58,180

INCIDENTALS.

Text-books, Reference-books, Exchange of Books	$44,000
Books for Supplementary Reading	2,500
Annual Festival	2,000
Globes, Maps, and Charts	750
Musical Expenses: —	
Instruments, Repairs and Covers	1,800
Printing, and stock used for same	5,600
Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus and Supplies	2,100
School Census	1,100
Stationery, Drawing Materials, and Record-books	12,000
Slates, Diplomas, Ranks, Pencils, Erasers, etc.	3,400
Advertising	250
Military Drill: —	
Arms, Repairs, etc.	400
Fuel, Gas, and Water	77,000
Removing snow and fumigating school-houses	3,000
Salaries of Janitors	99,500
Janitors and other supplies	3,500
Cost of work for delivering supplies, including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairs, repairing apparatus, etc.	5,200
Cost of supplies for Manual Training Schools	1,500
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, horse and carriage expenses, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, and sundry items	2,400
Total for Incidentals	$268,000

In addition to the usual items asked for, an appropriation of $20,000 is requested for the support of public Kindergartens during the year. The School Committee of 1887 carefully considered this subject, and being of the opinion that the Kindergarten system of instruction should be incorporated as a part of the public-school system, requested the committee having charge of the preparation of these estimates to include the sum stated in the estimates for the financial year 1888–89 . . $20,000

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,269,678
Salaries of Officers	58,180
Incidentals	268,000
Kindergartens	20,000
	$1,615,858

INCOME.

Non-residents, State and City	$13,000
Trust-Funds, and other sources	15,000
	$28,000

The estimated amount required for salaries of instructors the coming year is $1,269,678, an increase as compared with the amount granted for the present year of $27,590.

The amount required to pay the salaries of instructors the present year will be about $26,000 in excess of what it was in 1886–87. It is expected that the increase for the coming year over the present will equal, if not exceed, this amount. This increase comes from the growth of the schools, and not from any increase in salaries.

For the past few years the large increase in the number of pupils attending the various High Schools has been an important factor in increasing the amount required for salaries of instructors. Five years ago 2,044 pupils were in attendance; while last year 2,944 attended, an increase of nearly forty-five per cent., or an average increase of about nine per cent. per annum.

The ratio of increase in the number of High-School pupils the past five years is about five times as great as is recorded in the Grammar and Primary grades.

The amount required for salaries of officers, $58,180, is just the amount paid to the persons now employed.

The expense for text-books under the free text-book law is not so

great as was expected, less than $34,000 being sufficient for this purpose for each of the past two years.

The estimated cost for text-books and reference-books during the coming year is $44,000, it being expected that a very much larger number of books worn out will have to be replaced than was the case during either of the past two years.

The sum of $77,000 is asked for fuel, gas, and water.

About twelve thousand tons of coal and two hundred cords of wood will be required. The estimated price of the coal is $5.50 per ton, which is about the average contract price the present year. The wood will cost about $1,500, and gas and water about $9,500, making the $77,000 asked for.

The amount required for salaries of janitors is $99,500, which is about $500 more than the cost of this item the present year.

A careful examination of the other items under the head of school expenses would seem to be alone sufficient to guarantee the granting of the full amounts requested.

The committee having charge of the preparation of these estimates have considered all the items carefully, and are of the opinion that the total sum asked for is needed and should be granted.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations named to any other appropriation; with this exception, viz., that the amount granted for establishing and carrying on the Kindergarten system of instruction shall not be used for any other purpose.

For the Committee on Accounts,
EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,
NAHUM CHAPIN,
Chairman.

The Chair stated that, under the Rules, the estimates required a two-thirds yea-and-nay vote for approval.

The estimates as presented were unanimously approved by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Blake, Canning, Carrigan, Chapin, Collison, Darling, Duryea, Fallon, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, Hyde, Lasker, Murphy, O'Grady, Swasey, and Walsh.— 19.

Nays: none.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause a water-vault to be substituted for the old privies in the Chapman School-house; and to provide a retiring-room for the teachers of that building.

Sanitary improvements in Chapman School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Grainger, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Primary School-house in the Adams District.

New Primary School-house in the Adams District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Grainger, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Primary School-house at Orient Heights.

New Primary School-house at Orient Heights.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, reported the death of Addie J. Callender, late fourth assistant in the Hugh O'Brien District.

Death of Addie J. Callender.

Placed on file.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Primary School building in the Dearborn District.

New Primary School-house in Dearborn District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Dearborn School-house, as follows: New boilers; steam ventilating coils; new floors in seven rooms; additional urinal for the boys; fence between boys' and girls' yard.

Repairs on Dearborn School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Ervinia Thompson.

Ordered, That Ervinia Thompson, third assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 7, 1887.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

School Kitchen in Harvard Grammar School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up a School Kitchen in the Harvard Grammar School building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Gas in basement of Martin School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to pipe the basement of the Martin School-house for the use of gas.

Resignation of Emeline E. Torrey; schools of cookery.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, reported the resignation of Emeline E. Torrey, instructor in the schools of cookery, to take effect Feb. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Election of teachers; schools of cookery.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Sarah C. Woodward as instructor in the schools of cookery, on the seventh year of service in her grade, to date from Feb. 1, 1888.

Accepted, and the nomination was confirmed; so much of the report as relates to the salary of Mrs. Woodward was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Certificate of service to Sarah C. Woodward.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be instructed to issue a certificate of service, special grade, to Sarah

C. Woodward, as instructor in the schools of cookery.

Mr. Canning offered the following: —

Ordered, That whenever in the judgment of a Division Committee the welfare of the pupils and schools so require, the Division Committee is empowered to authorize the closing of the morning session at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock M., with a recess of ten minutes, in any or all of the schools of the division.

Hours of morning sessions of schools.

Mr. Canning moved that the rules be suspended.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the previous question was ordered.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, three-fourths of the members present not voting in the affirmative.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Canning, the order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That until April 1, 1888, the morning session of the Comins School close at 11.40 o'clock, and that there be no recess.

Morning session of Comins School.

Mr. Murphy moved that the rules be suspended.

Lost, three-fourths of the members present not voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That until April 1, 1888, the morning session of the Dearborn School close at 11.40 o'clock, and that there be no recess.

Morning session of Dearborn School.

Mr. Murphy moved that the rules be suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the vote was taken by yeas and nays.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost by the fol-

lowing vote, three-fourths of the members present not voting in the affirmative : —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Canning, Collison, Darling, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, and Walsh. — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Blake, Carrigan, Chapin, Duryea, Fallon, Hyde, and Swasey. — 7.

Mr. Canning offered the following : —

Morning session in schools of the Ninth Division and in the Comins and Dearborn Schools.

Ordered, That, at the discretion of the Division Committees, the schools in the Ninth Division, and the Comins and Dearborn Schools, be closed in the morning session at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock M., and that a recess of ten minutes be held during the morning session.

Mr. Canning moved that the rules be suspended.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the vote was taken by yeas and nays.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Walsh, the previous question was ordered.

Rules suspended.

The motion to suspend the rules was passed by the following vote : —

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Canning, Carrigan, Chapin, Collison, Darling, Duryea, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, Swasey, and Walsh. — 17.

Nays: Messrs. Blake, Fallon, and Hyde. — 3.

The order passed.

The Chair read the following : —

Resignation of John C. Crowley as a member of the School Board.

BOSTON, Feb. 6, 1888.

To WM. C. WILLIAMSON, Esq., *President School Board:* —

I hereby resign all offices in, and connection with, the School Board of the City of Boston.

JOHN C. CROWLEY,
BY MARY J. CROWLEY,
His attorney in fact, hereto authorized.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that a vacancy exists in the Board of School Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr. John C. Crowley, and proposing a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at half-past seven o'clock P.M., on the 28th day of February, 1888, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancy for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

Convention to fill vacancy in School Board.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to move the coal-bin and fill up the pit in the basement of the Hyde School-house, in accordance with the recommendations of the Instructor in Hygiene.

Improvements in Hyde School-house.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Eighth Division be authorized to appoint a special assistant teacher in the Baker-street Primary School.

Special assistant teacher in Baker-street school.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the election of a Superintendent of Schools was specially assigned to the next meeting, at eight o'clock.

Special assignment: election of Supt. of Schools.

The chair announced the following appointments on committees to fill vacancies: —

Appointments on committees.

Accounts. — Mr. Swasey. *Annual Report.* — Mr. Murphy, Chairman. *Hygiene.* — Mr. Grainger. *Legislative Matters.* — Mr. Fallon, Chairman, Mr. Hall. *Music.* — Mr. Duryea. *Nominations.* — Mr.

Collison. *Rules and Regulations.* — Mr. Fallon, Chairman, Mrs. Fifield. *Supplies.* — Mr. Carrigan. *Text-Books.* — Mr. Carrigan. *High Schools.* — Mr. O'Grady. *Third* and *Seventh Divisions.* — Mr. Collison.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Canning, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 28, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Gallagher.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

Convention to fill vacancy in School Board.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to hold a convention with this Board, on this day and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancy in this Board caused by the resignation of Mr. John C. Crowley; and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

IN CONVENTION.

President of the convention.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, Hon. Charles H. Allen, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, was chosen President of the convention.

The roll was called, whereby it appeared that thirty-three members of the convention were present. Subsequently Alderman Wilson appeared, and the Chair announced that thirty-four members of the convention were present.

Report of Committee on Elections; candidates for vacancy in School Board.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the following nominations of candidates to fill the vacancy in the School Board caused by the resignation of Mr. John C. Crowley: —

John W. Porter, John H. McDonough, Joseph B. Stedman.

Accepted.

Nomination of Caroline E. Hastings.

Mrs. Fifield nominated Caroline E. Hastings as a candidate for the vacancy in the School Board.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a member of the School Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. John C. Crowley.

Ballot.

The following shows the results of the several ballots: —

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.	5th Ballot.	6th Ballot.	7th Ballot.
Whole number of votes	34	34	34	34	34	34	34
Necessary for a choice	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
John W. Porter	4	1	1	...	...	...	1
John H. McDonough	10	9	15	14	17	17	15
Caroline E. Hastings	10	13	13	14	17	17	18
Joseph B. Stedman	2	6	3	5	...	...	...
Thomas W. Proctor	3	2	2	1	...	...	...
James F. Marley	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Frank W. Walsh	1	3	...	...	...	...	...
Julian C. Chappelle	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

Two ballots were declared void on account of irregularities.

Caroline E. Hastings elected member of School Committee.

On the seventh ballot, Caroline E. Hastings, having received the necessary number of votes, was declared elected a member of the School Committee for the remainder of this municipal year.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the convention dissolved.

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Elizabeth B. Norton, fourth assistant, March 1, 1888.

Chapman District. — Almira I. Wilson, third assistant, March 1, 1888.

Harvard District. — Fanny A. Foster, fourth assistant, March 1, 1888.

Rice District. — Florence Marshall, second assistant, March 1, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary Butler, from Feb. 20, 1888. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

West Roxbury High School. — Clarabel Gilman, assistant, from March 12, 1888. Temporary teachers.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from March 7, 1888.

Gaston District. — Isabella J. Murray, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1888.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, third assistant, from Jan. 19, 1888; Julia F. Holland, fourth assistant, from Jan. 23, 1888.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, third assistant, from Jan. 30, 1888.

Mt. Vernon District. — Inez Drake and Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistants, from March 7, 1888.

Prescott District. — Minnie E. Ward, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1888.

Winthrop District. — Emily H. Osborne, fourth assistant, from Feb. 12, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Dorchester High School. — Mary A. H. Fuller, assistant, from March 1, 1888. Election of teachers on probation.

Bennett District. — Myrtie B. Symonds, third assistant, from Feb. 6, 1888.

Bunker Hill District. — Elizabeth B. Norton, second assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1888.

Eliot District. — Agnes C. Moore, third assistant, from Feb. 27, 1888.

Hancock District. — Florence E. Phillips, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1888.

Harvard District. — Fanny A. Foster, second assistant, Primary School, from March 1, 1888.

Lowell District. — Anna G. Wells, fourth assistant, from March 1, 1888.

Rice District. — Florence Marshall, first assistant; Almira I. Wilson, second assistant; from March 1, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Annie F. McMahon, third assistant.

George Putnam District. — Katharine W. Huston, first assistant.

Prince District. — Josephine G. Dearborn, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Lowell District. — Fannie E. Merriam, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Lewis District, the transfer to date from March 1, 1888.

Shurtleff District. — Isabel L. Marlowe, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from March 1, 1888.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Franklin School. — Frances Zirngiebel, from Jan. 3, 1888; Clara E. Fairbanks, from Feb. 1, 1888. Election of Evening-School teachers.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Girls' Latin School. — Jessie Girdwood, assistant, until April 1, 1888; Minna B. Noyes, substitute. Jessie Girdwood.

Bowdoin District. — Ella E. Morrill, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; Mary E. Smith, substitute. Ella E. Morrill.

Brimmer District. — Ella L. Burbank, second assistant, until April 1, 1888; James Burrier, substitute. Ella L. Burbank.

Dillaway District. — Corinne Harrison, second assistant, until April 1, 1888; Emma F. Briggs, substitute. Mary S. Sprague, third assistant, until April 1, 1888; Alice E. Robinson, substitute. Corinne Harrison. Mary S. Sprague.

Phillips District. — Elizabeth K. Bolton, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888. Elizabeth K. Bolton.

Wells District. — Sarah C. Chevaillier, fourth assistant, until April 1, 1888; M. Elizabeth McGinley, substitute. Sarah C. Chevaillier.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Dr. Charles Harrington be authorized to enter the public-school buildings for the purpose of analyzing the air in said buildings; said work to be done with the coöperation of the Instructor in Hygiene, and to be completed before Jan. 1, 1889. Dr. Charles Harrington authorized to analyze the air in school buildings.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Mrs. S. E. Wiltse authorized to investigate subject of hearing blindness of pupils.

Ordered, That Mrs. S. E. Wiltse be granted permission to investigate the subject of hearing blindness of the pupils in the public schools, subject to the supervision of the principals, and without interference with the regular work of the schools.

Rules suspended. Communication from F. L. Capen.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Blake presented a communication from Mr. F. L. Capen relative to his discoveries in Optics and Light, and asking for the use of one of the halls of the English High School-house to demonstrate his investigations.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

Report of the Committee on the Third Division; petition for use of room in North Margin-street School-house.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred — from the files of last year — the petition of Raffaele Ansalone for permission to use a room in the North Margin-street School-house, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

Surrender of North Margin-street School-house to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the School-house in North Margin street be surrendered to the City Council.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Office of Accounts, Mason St., Feb. 28, 1888.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being eleven months' payments of the present financial year: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1887–8.	March Draft.	Expenditures, 11 months, 1887–8.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,242,088 00	$108,508 01	$1,131,797 55	$110,290 45
Salaries, Officers . . .	57,760 00	4,848 33	52,759 66	5,000 34
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	240,000 00	8,287 00	90,768 26	19,753 68
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		5,860 81	64,155 69	
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		6,206 96	65,322 37	
	$1,539,848 00	$133,711 11	$1,404,803 53	$135,044 47

The expenses as compared with eleven months of last year are as follows: —

Salaries of Instructors, increased	$22,609 57
Salaries of Officers, increased	1,811 83
Salaries of Janitors, increased	8,767 44
Fuel, Gas, and Water, increased	10,771 19
Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses, increased	3,302 39
Total increase for eleven months	$47,262 42

For the Committee on Accounts,

EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, it was

Committee to consider expediency of electing not more than four supervisors.

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed to consider the expediency of electing not more than four Supervisors.

The Chair appointed as such committee, Mr. Carrigan, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Blake, Swasey, and Chapin.

Special assignment: election of Supt. of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the election of a Superintendent of Schools, was taken up.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Superintendent of Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, O'Grady, and Carrigan a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Ellis Peterson had 1 vote, and Edwin P. Seaver had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Superintendent of Schools for the term of two years, beginning March 1, 1888.

Edwin P. Seaver elected Supt. of Schools.

Death of Julia M. Driscoll.

Mr. Swasey, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the death of Julia M. Driscoll, late fourth assistant in the Winthrop District.

Placed on file.

Communication from Gardner C. Hawkins; system of heating and ventilation.

The Chair presented a communication from Gardner C. Hawkins, calling the attention of the Board to his system for heating and ventilating school-houses.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Quincy School Association; naming of a grammar school-house in honor of John D. Philbrick.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Your petitioners respectfully represent that at a meeting of the Quincy School Association, composed of graduates of the said school, they were appointed as a committee to memorialize your honorable body to pass such an order as will cause a grammar school-house, erected by the city of Boston, to be named after the late John D. Philbrick. Mr. Philbrick's labors as a teacher and superintendent in the cause of education may be briefly summarized as follows: —

1842–43. Teacher in Roxbury Latin School.

1844. Teacher in English High School, Boston.

1845. Principal of Mayhew School, Boston.

1847–1852. Principal of Quincy School, Boston.

1853, 1854. Superintendent of State Normal School, New Britain, Conn.

1855, 1856. Superintendent of Public Schools, State of Connecticut.

1856–1874, } Superintendent of Public Schools of the city of Bos-
1875–1878, } ton.

His other duties, of an editorial and official nature, if mentioned, would take much space, and, doubtless, are known to your honorable body. We pray that you will consider our petition, and permit us to file in support thereof other petitions, signed by teachers, merchants, etc., who are in sympathy with the purpose of this petition. We remain,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

CHARLES F. PIDGIN, *President.*
BENJ. W. PUTNAM, *First Vice-President.*
FRANCIS L. BULLARD, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Feb. 20, 1888.

Placed on file.

Petition of Samuel Kelley and others; school accommodations in South Boston.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Samuel Kelley and seventeen others, protesting against the suspension of their children from the public schools, and praying for some relief.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Ordered, That the petition of citizens of South Boston to the School Board, asking for additional schoolroom accommodations for their children, be transmitted to the City Council, with the following copy of the report of the Sixth Division Committee, presented to this Board on the 11th day of October last, and of the orders accompanying said report; which report and orders were duly transmitted to the City Council, and are as follows: —

(See Minutes School Committee, 1886, pp. 137, 138, 139.)

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Sarah C. Woodward. [See page 36.]

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order relative to the salary of Sarah C. Woodward, instructor in the schools of cookery, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Sarah C. Woodward, instructor in the schools of cookery, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her grade, to date from Feb. 1, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Ervinia Thompson. [See page 36.]

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee to whom was referred — February 14 — an order concerning the salary of Ervinia Thompson, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Ervinia Thompson, third assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 7, 1887.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Annual Report of the Committee on Salaries; salaries of instructors.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, presented the annual report of that committee (School Doc. 3, 1888), containing a schedule of salaries of instructors for the ensuing year, and recommending the passage of the following orders : —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be for the ensuing school year as contained in the following schedule. (See School Doc. 3, 1888.)

2. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288 ; Sub-Masters, elected as Principals, $216 ; First Assistants, elected as Principals, $72, each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior master be at the rate of $5 per day of actual service.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Carrigan offered the following : —

Additional teacher in the Normal School; amendment to Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by adding the following section to Chapter XIX. : —

Sect. 308. In addition to the teachers provided for

in this chapter, there shall be appointed for service, in the Normal and Training Schools, one teacher with the rank and pay of a second assistant in the Normal School.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, it was

Ordered, That twenty-five hundred copies of the Rules and Regulations be printed, including all amendments to the present time; and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be authorized to make such verbal changes as may be desirable.

Edition of Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee who were requested — Feb. 14 — to consider and report upon the expediency of so amending the Rules that the Committee on Annual Report shall present its report to the Board in December, reported that, in the judgment of this committee, it is desirable that the Rules should be amended, and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; time for presenting annual report. [See page 27.]

Ordered, That Section 75 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the words "public statutes," in the third line, the following words: "This committee shall present its report to the Board at the first regular meeting in December."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee who were instructed — Jan. 9 — to so amend the Rules as to provide that the Committee on Legislative Matters shall be a Standing Committee, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Committee on Legislative Matters to be a Standing Committee. [See page 6.]

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the word "Examinations," the words "Legislative Matters."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; hours of morning sessions of schools. [See page 37.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order authorizing Division Committees, whenever in their judgment the welfare of the pupils and schools so require, to close the morning session at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock M., with a recess of ten minutes in any and all of the schools of the division, reported that it was the unanimous judgment of the committee that the order ought not to pass. A majority of the committee, however, are of the opinion that Division Committees ought to have the power to dispense with the recess altogether and dismiss the schools at a quarter before twelve o'clock in the schools in their respective divisions, whenever in their judgment the welfare of the pupils and schools require such action. They therefore respectfully ask the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That, whenever in the judgment of a Division Committee the welfare of the pupils and schools so require, the Division Committee is authorized to dispense with the recess and close the morning session at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock M.

Special assignment.

Accepted, and the order specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Collison, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies consider the expediency of providing lockers or closets in the coat-room of the members of the School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 13, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Hall, Hyde, Lasker, and McDonald.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on Elections, presented the credentials of Caroline E. Hastings as a member of the Board, and recommended that the same be placed on file.

Credentials of Caroline E. Hastings.

Accepted.

Miss Hastings appeared and took her seat.

Second readings of orders: —

Ordered, That Section 2 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the word "Elections" the words "Legislative Matters."

Committee on Legislative Matters to be a Standing Committee. [See pp. 6, 51.]

Passed.

Ordered, That Section 75 of the Rules be amended by inserting after the words "public statutes," in the third line, the following words: "This committee shall present its report to the Board at the first regular meeting in December."

Annual School Report; time for presenting. [See pp. 27, 51.]

Passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Charlestown High School. — Edward F. Holden, assistant, March 31, 1888.

Resignation of teachers.

George Putnam District. — Margaret Holmes, second assistant, March 19, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Harry C. Shaw, junior-master, from March 13, 1888.

Eliot District. — Sylvia A. Richards, third assistant, from Feb. 1 to 27, 1888.

Pierce District. — Helen A. Woods, fourth assistant, from March 8, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Charlestown High School. — Edward F. Holden, junior-master, from March 31, 1888.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Margaret Holmes, first assistant, from March 19, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Harvard District. — Julia E. Harrington, second assistant.

Warren District. — Alice M. Raymond, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Mary W. Currier, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from March 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Reëlection of special assistants, Primary Schools.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following-named special assistants, Primary Schools, for reëlection for the school-year 1888–89: —

Adams District. — Mabel F. A. Woodbury; *Agassiz District.* — Rosanna Follan; *Allston District.* — Elizabeth C. Muldoon; *Lyman District.* — Martha S. Harding; *Martin District.* — Lena A. Aechtler, Margaret A. McGuire; *Mather District.* — Alice M. Smith; *Mount Vernon District.* — Mary Butler; *Phillips District.* — Matilda J. Kennemon; *Prince District.* — Lillian A. Wellington.

Accepted, and the special assistants named were declared reëlected.

Reëlection of Director of Modern Languages.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nomination of a teacher for reëlection for the school-year 1888–89.

Director of Modern Languages. — Alphonse N. van Daell.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for such instructor.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, O'Grady, and Fallon a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Alphonse N. van Daell had 15 votes, and was declared reëlected.

Alphonse N. van Daell elected.

Reëlection of Special Instructors in Military Drill and Calisthenics.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations of teachers for reëlection for the school-year 1888–89: —

Instructor in Military Drill. — Hobart Moore.

Instructors in Calisthenics, Girls' Latin School. — Martha S. Hussey. *Girls' High School.* — Helen D. Baright.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of subordinate instructors.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted, in print, a report nominating for reëlection the subordinate instructors of the several Normal, Latin, High, Grammar, and Primary Schools. (School Doc. 4, 1888.)

Appended to the report was the following order: —

Ordered, That extra teachers be allowed in those districts where, from want of seating capacity, or to preserve the present classification, the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, have included them in this report.

Rules suspended.

The report was accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The report was adopted as a whole, the nominations confirmed, and the teachers named in the report (School Doc. 4, 1888) were declared reëlected for the year 1888-89.

Report of the Committee on Nominations; nomination of principals for reëlection.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted a report, in print, nominating for reëlection the principals of the several Normal, Latin, High, and Grammar Schools.

Accepted.

Ballot.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of the Normal, Latin, High, and Grammar Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, O'Grady, and Fallon a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duties, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

Normal School. — Larkin Dunton, Head Master, had 15 votes.
Rice Training School. — Delwin A. Hamlin, Master, had 15 votes.
Public Latin School. — Moses Merrill, Head Master, had 15 votes.
Girls' Latin School. / *Girls' High School.* — John Tetlow, Head Master, had 15 votes.

English High School. — Francis A. Waterhouse, Head Master, had 15 votes.

East Boston High School. — Charles J. Lincoln, Master, had 15 votes.

Roxbury High School. — Charles M. Clay, Head Master, had 15 votes.

Dorchester High School. — Elbridge Smith, Master, had 15 votes.

Charlestown High School. — John O. Norris, Head Master, had 15 votes.

W. Roxbury High School. — George C. Mann, Master, had 15 votes.

Brighton High School. — Benjamin Wormelle, Master, had 15 votes.

FIRST DIVISION.

Adams School. — Frank F. Preble, Master, had 15 votes.
Chapman School. — George R. Marble, Master, had 15 votes.
Emerson School. — James F. Blackinton, Master, had 15 votes.
Lyman School. — Hosea H. Lincoln, Master, had 15 votes.

SECOND DIVISION.

Bunker Hill School. — Samuel J. Bullock, Master, had 15 votes.
Frothingham School. — William B. Atwood, Master, had 15 votes.
Harvard School. — W. E. Eaton, Master, had 15 votes.
Prescott School. — Edwin T. Horne, Master, had 15 votes.
Warren School. — E. Bradford Gay, Master, had 15 votes.

THIRD DIVISION.

Bowdoin School. — Alonzo Meserve, Master, had 15 votes.
Eliot School. — Samuel Harrington, Master, had 15 votes.
Hancock School. — Lewis H. Dutton, Master, had 15 votes.
Phillips School. — Elias H. Marston, Master, had 15 votes.
Wells School. — Orlendo W. Dimick, Master, had 15 votes.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Brimmer School. — Quincy E. Dickerman, Master, had 14 votes.
Prince School. — E. Bentley Young, Master, had 14 votes.
Quincy School. — Alfred Bunker, Master, had 7 votes.
Winthrop School. — Robert Swan, Master, had 15 votes.

FIFTH DIVISION.

Dwight School. — James A. Page, Master, had 15 votes.
Everett School. — Walter S. Parker, Master, had 15 votes.
Franklin School. — Granville B. Putnam, Master, had 15 votes.
Hyde School. — Silas C. Stone, Master, had 15 votes.
Sherwin School. — Frank A. Morse, Master, had 15 votes.

SIXTH DIVISION.

Andrew School. — Joshua M. Dill, Master, had 15 votes.
Bigelow School. — Thomas H. Barnes, Master, had 15 votes.
Gaston School. — C. Goodwin Clark, Master, had 15 votes.
Lawrence School. — Amos M. Leonard, Master, had 15 votes.
Lincoln School. — Alonzo G. Ham, Master, had 15 votes.
Norcross School. — Fred. O. Ellis, Master, had 15 votes.
Shurtleff School. — Henry C. Hardon, Master, had 14 votes.

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Comins School. — Myron T. Pritchard, Master, had 15 votes.
Dearborn School. — Charles F. King, Master, had 15 votes.
Dillaway School. — Sarah J. Baker, Master, had 15 votes.
Dudley School. — Leverett M. Chase, Master, had 15 votes.
George Putnam School. — Henry L. Clapp, Master, had 15 votes.
Hugh O'Brien School. — Harlan P. Gage, Master, had 15 votes.
Lewis School. — William L. P. Boardman, Master, had 15 votes.
Lowell School. — Daniel W. Jones, Master, had 14 votes.
Martin School. — Charles W. Hill, Master, had 15 votes.

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Agassiz School. — John T. Gibson, Master, had 15 votes.
Allston School. — G. W. M. Hall, Master, had 15 votes.
Bennett School. — Henry L. Sawyer, Master, had 15 votes.
Charles Sumner School. — Artemas Wiswall, Master, had 15 votes.
Hillside School. — Albert F. Ring, Master, had 15 votes.
Mount Vernon School. — Abner J. Nutter, Sub-Master, had 15 votes.

NINTH DIVISION.

Dorchester-Everett School. — Henry B. Miner, Master, had 15 votes.
Gibson School. — William E. Endicott, Master, had 15 votes.
Harris School. — N. Hosea Whittemore, Master, had 15 votes.

Mather School. — Edward Southworth, Master, had 15 votes.
Minot School. — Joseph T. Ward, Jr., Master, had 15 votes.
Pierce School. — Horace W. Warren, Sub-Master, had 15 votes.
Stoughton School. — Edward M. Lancaster, Master, had 15 votes.
Tileston School. — Hiram M. George, Sub-Master, had 15 votes.

The principals as reported by the committee, with the exception of the master of the Quincy School, having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the ensuing year. Principals re-elected.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, it was

Voted, That the Board proceed to ballot for a principal of the Quincy School. Ballot for principal of Quincy School.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, the above vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the nomination was recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report a candidate for the position of principal of the Quincy School, at the next meeting. Nomination recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Ordered, That the election of Supervisors be specially assigned to the next regular meeting of the Board, and that the Committee on Nominations be requested to present at that time the names of six or more candidates for Supervisors. Special assignment; election of Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supervision be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board, and that the committee be authorized to report in print. Committee on Supervision to report in print.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to substitute partitions for the gates now in the corridors between the English High and Latin Schools. Partitions substituted for gates in corridors between English High and Latin Schools.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, offered the following: —

Salary of truant-officers.

Ordered, That the salary of the Chief Truant-Officer be at the rate of $1,800 per annum; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of the Board of Supervisors; courses of study for Evening Schools.

The Chair presented the report of the Board of Supervisors on Courses of Study for the Elementary Evening Schools and the Evening High School, which that Board was requested to prepare and present at this meeting.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Evening Schools and Examinations.

Report of Committee on Sewing; instruction in sewing in upper classes of Andrew School.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported that, under the provisions of Section 234 of the Regulations, instruction in sewing may be extended into other classes than those named in the section, on the joint recommendation of the Division Committee of the school where such extension is proposed, and the Committee on Sewing. Upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Sixth Division, your committee report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the three upper classes of the Andrew School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Appropriation for fuel, gas, and water; authority given to exceed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to exceed the appropriation requested for fuel, gas, and water, for the present year, viz., sixty-six thousand dollars ($66,000), that amount having proved insufficient for the purpose.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Ordered, That the President be instructed to present a petition to the General Court in the name and on behalf of the School Committee, requesting an extension of the time fixed for building the Horace Mann School-house, on land granted by the Commonwealth.

Petition to Legislature for extension of time fixed for the building of the Horace Mann School-house.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Genevieve C. Roach, third assistant in the Eliot District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 27, 1887.

Salary of Genevieve C. Roach.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up two rooms in the Vine-street Chapel for two primary classes.

Vine-street chapel; accommodations for Primary-School pupils.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District.

Temporary Primary-School accommodations in Dudley District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Canning, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Julia M. Driscoll, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Winthrop District, be paid to her sister, Ellen Driscoll.

Payment of salary due Julia M. Driscoll.

The Chair announced the following appointments on committees to fill vacancies: —

Appointments on committees.

Examinations. — George B. Hyde, Chairman, Miss Hastings; *Nominations.* — Miss Hastings; *Fourth* and *Seventh Divisions.* — Miss Hastings.

Approved.

Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Evening Drawing School, Warren avenue, closing of.

Ordered, That the sessions of the Evening Drawing School in the Latin School Building close on Friday, March 23, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, it was

Tenure of office of Head Master of the Normal School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations report upon the expediency of electing the Head Master of the Normal School, during the pleasure of the Board, as authorized by the Act of 1886 relating to the tenure of office of teachers.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 27, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Fallon, Gallagher, Hall, and Hyde.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 15, 1888.

Communication from the City Council; transfer of Walpole-street school-house.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to furnish the City Council the reason for the transfer of the estate belonging to the city at the corner of Tremont and Walpole streets.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 19, 1888.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, March 22, 1888.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. O'Grady, the communication was referred to the Committee on the Fifth Division, with instructions to give a public hearing on the subject.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Roxbury High School. — Emily Norcross, assistant, April 9, 1888. Resignation of teachers.

Dudley District. — Annie N. Crosby, third assistant, April 9, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dearborn District. — Margaret T. Dooley, third assistant, from March 19, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Rose E. Conaty, fourth assistant, from Feb. 28, 1888.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Grace M. Remick.

Adams District. — Grace M. Remick, fourth assistant, until May 1, 1888; Alice M. MacDonald, substitute.

Ella E. Morrill.

Bowdoin District. — Ella E. Morrill, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1888; Mary E. Smith, substitute.

Isabella M. Harmon.

Franklin District. — Isabella M. Harmon, first assistant, until July 1, 1888; M. Alice Kimball, substitute.

Susan A. Dutton.

Lewis District. — Susan A. Dutton, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1888; Mary E. Howard, substitute.

Elizabeth A. Power.

Lyman District. — Elizabeth A. Power, sewing-teacher, until July 1, 1888, without pay.

Emeline C. Farley.

Phillips District. — Emeline C. Farley, third assistant, until July 1, 1888.

Emily B. Peck.

Quincy District. — Emily B. Peck, second assistant, until July 1, 1888; Edith K. Hodsdon, substitute.

Reëlection of Instructors in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors in that school: —

Principal. — Sarah Fuller.

First Assistant. — Ella C. Jordan.

Assistants. — Mary F. Bigelow, Elsa L. Hobart, Sarah A. Jordan, Florence E. Leadbetter, Kate D. Williams. *Assistants on Probation.* — Ida H. Adams, Sallie B. Tripp.

Accepted, and the subordinate teachers declared reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Horace Mann School.

Ballot for principal of Horace Mann School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Elliott, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Sarah Fuller had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected principal of the Horace Mann School for the ensuing school-year.

Sarah Fuller elected.

Mr. Blake presented the following petition: —

Petition of Mass. Emergency Asso.; use of school-house yards during summer vacation.

To the School Committee of Boston: —

We the undersigned respectfully petition that such school-yards as are suitable for the purpose may be opened, at certain hours of the week, during the summer vacation, for the benefit of little children who remain in the city. It is proposed to provide sand-heaps, and simple games which will be healthful and amusing, all being under the supervision of matrons or guardians, and all expenses borne by the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association and by private contribution.

MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY ASSOCIATION,
By FRANCIS MINOT, *President.*
THE ASSOCIATED CHARITIES OF BOSTON,
By ROBERT TREAT PAINE, *President.*
THE PEOPLE'S ENTERTAINMENT SOCIETY,
By CHARLES F. SHIMMIN, *President.*
FRANK B. FAY, Mass. P.C.C.
ALFRED P. ROCKWELL.
JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Voted, That the petition be granted.

Report of Committee on Hygiene; detention of pupils in school after 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, presented a report, submitting for the information of the Board that a common custom prevails in many of the Grammar-School districts throughout the city of detaining pupils after 12 o'clock, noon. This practice is in violation of Section 177 of the Regulations. For different hygienic reasons the regulation as printed ought to be obeyed. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the principals of schools be instructed to see that the provisions of Section 177 of the Regulations are faithfully carried out by the teachers in their respective districts.

Accepted and the order passed.

Election of Instructor in Hygiene.

Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on Hygiene, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school-year, John B. Moran, Instructor in Hygiene.

Accepted.

Ballot for Instructor in Hygiene.

The Board proceeded to ballot for an Instructor in Hygiene.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Elliott, Griffin, and Grainger a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. John B. Moran had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared reelected Instructor in Hygiene for the ensuing school-year.

John B. Moran elected Instructor in Hygiene.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Drawing, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school-year, Henry Hitchings, Director of Drawing.

Election of Director of Drawing.

Accepted.

Ballot for a Director of Drawing.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Lasker, Darling, and Carrigan a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Henry Hitchings had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected Director of Drawing for the ensuing school-year.

Henry Hitchings elected Director of Drawing.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school-year, the following-named special instructors in music: —

Election of special Instructors of Music.

High Schools. — Joseph B. Sharland.

Grammar and Primary Schools. — Hosea E. Holt, J. M. Mason, Henry G. Carey, James M. McLaughlin.

Accepted, and the instructors declared reëlected.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the George Putnam District.

Additional Primary-School accommodations in the George Putnam District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors: —

Election of Instructors of Manual Training and Cooking Schools.

Manual Training School. — George Smith.

Schools of Cookery. — Althea W. Somes, Sarah C. Woodward.

Accepted, and the instructors declared reëlected.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Music be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, in connection with their investigation of the instruction in music in the public schools.

Expenditure by Committee on Music; investigation of instruction in music in the public schools.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts, with full powers.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidates for Supervisors.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, who were requested, March 13, to present the names of six or more candidates for Supervisors, reported the following list of candidates: —

Samuel W. Mason, Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, John Kneeland, George H. Conley, Louisa P. Hopkins.

Accepted.

Majority and minority reports of the committee to consider expediency of electing not more than four Supervisors. [See p. 47.]

Mr. Carrigan, for the committee appointed to consider the expediency of electing not more than four Supervisors, submitted the following majority and minority reports: —

Majority report.

The committee appointed to consider the question of the number of Supervisors report as follows: —

That, in the opinion of the majority of the committee, the law requires the election of supervisors during the month of March, 1888, and they therefore recommend that the Board proceed to such election on this 27th of March, 1888; but by this report this committee does not desire or intend to express any opinion as to the wisdom of electing six Supervisors, or any particular number; and this committee asks that the Board appoint a committee, with full powers to investigate the subject of supervision, with power to recommend changes in the plan of the same, if it shall deem wise.

EMILY A. FIFIELD,
NAHUM CHAPIN,
JOHN G. BLAKE,
GEO. R. SWASEY,
Of the Committee.

Minority report.

Mr. Carrigan dissents from the report of the majority of the committee, in that the School Committee should not proceed to the election of Supervisors until the report of the special committee is made, printed, and presented to the committee for its consideration. That the special committee have been in session as often as it was possible for the members to meet, and have proceeded with the inquiry, under the order of the committee, with more than ordinary diligence. That it was impossible to conclude the inquiry and report

in print, as ordered by the School Committee. That the special committee should be given time to complete its work, and that the election of Supervisors be postponed until such time as the School Committee may deem expedient. That Section 7, Chapter 241, of the Acts of 1875, contains no restrictive clause, and that, in the opinion of the minority, the present Supervisors may continue in office until they or their successors are chosen and qualified in their place.

E. C. CARRIGAN,
Chairman Special Committee on Supervision.

Mr. Carrigan moved to substitute the minority for the majority report.

Mr. Collison moved that both reports be laid on the table. Lost.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Murphy, the vote whereby it was refused to lay the reports on the table was reconsidered, and the reports were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board proceeded to ballot for Supervisors. Ballot for Supervisors.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Walsh, and Chapin a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officers.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Samuel W. Mason, Ellis Peterson, and George H. Conley had each 20 votes; Robert C. Metcalf had 19 votes, John Kneeland and Louisa P. Hopkins had each 17 votes. Supervisors elected.

Samuel W. Mason, Ellis Peterson, George H. Conley, Robert C. Metcalf, John Kneeland, and Louisa P. Hopkins, having received the necessary number of votes required under the rules to elect, were declared elected supervisors, for the ensuing term of two years, from April 1, 1888.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., March 27, 1888.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council, and the expenditures incurred by the School Committee for the financial year 1887–88; also the expenditures for 1886–87: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1887–88.	Expenditures, 1887–88.	Balance unexpended.	Expenditures, 1886–87.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,242,088 00	$1,238,584 42	$3,503 58	$1,213,806 24
Salaries, Officers . . .	57,760 00	57,608 00	152 00	55,739 67
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	240,000 00	98,947 00	643 44	89,802 95
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .		71,133 28		57,387 05
School Ex. Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		69,276 28		67,204 67
	$1,539,848 00	$1,535,548 98	$4,299 02	$1,483,940 58

Balance of the appropriation unexpended . . $4,299 02

The expenses, as compared with those of last year, are as follows: —

Salaries of Instructors, increased	$24,778 18
Salaries of Officers, increased	1,868 33
Salaries of Janitors, increased	9,144 05
Fuel, Gas, and Water, increased	13,746 23
Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses, increased	2,071 61
Increase in expenses	$51,608 40

For the Committee on Accounts,

EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Fourth Division, reported the following nomination of a principal for reëlection: —

Report of Committee on Nominations; principal of Quincy School.

Quincy School. — Alfred Bunker, master.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Quincy School.

Ballot for principal of Quincy School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Canning, and Grainger a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There was one blank. Alfred Bunker had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected for the ensuing school-year.

Alfred Bunker elected.

Mr. Carrigan, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the following rules be established for the use of the Eastburn Fund: —

Rules for Eastburn Fund.

1. The interest shall be drawn from the city treasury, from time to time, as needed, by the head-master of the Normal School, on the order of the chairman of the Committee on the Normal School, on vote of the committee.

2. The money thus received shall be expended by the head-master, with the approval of the committee, for the benefit of deserving poor scholars attending the Boston Normal School.

3. The head-master shall keep an account of such expenditure, with vouchers; which account shall be open to the inspection of the Committee on the Normal School, and a statement of the same shall be presented to the committee, semi-annually, on the first day of January and July.

4. The head-master's account shall be audited, semi-annually, by the chairman, after which the vouchers shall be destroyed.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, for the same committee, it was

Telephone for Normal School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to connect the Normal School with the public telephone.

Election of sewing-teachers.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school-year, the following-named instructors of sewing: —

Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine L. Bigelow, Sarah J. Bray, Annie E. Brazer, Harriet E. Browne, Helen L. Burton, Catherine J. Cadegan, Eliza M. Cleary, Susan M. Cousens, Isabella Cumming, Kate A. Doherty, Olive C. Hapgood, Mary E. Jacobs, Lizzie S. Kenna, Delia Mansfield, Mary J. McEntyre, Catherine C. Nelson, Sarah H. Norman, Mary E. Patterson, Elizabeth A. Power, M. Elizabeth Robbins, Martha A. Sargent, Julia A. Skilton, Sarah A. Stall, Frances E. Stevens, Lizzie A. Thomas, Emma A. Waterhouse, Mary A. Willis, Ellen M. Wills, Maria L. Young.

Accepted, and the instructors declared reëlected.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Hiram M. George.

Ordered, That Hiram M. George, sub-master of the Tileston School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, to date from April 1, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Committee to consider expediency of electing not more than four Supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, the majority report of the special committee on number of Supervisors was taken from the table, and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, it was

Voted, That the special committee to be appointed to investigate the subject of supervision, in accordance with the recommendation of the report, consist of seven members.

Committee to investigate subject of supervision.

On motion of Mr. Canning, the order appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the hours of the morning sessions of schools was specially assigned for consideration at eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment; hours of morning sessions of schools. [See p. 52.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Feb. 14, 1888 — an order concerning repairs in the Dearborn School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on School Houses; repairs in Dearborn School house. [See p. 35.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Dearborn School-house, as follows : New boilers, steam ventilating coils, new floors in seven rooms, additional urinal for the boys, fence between boys' and girls' yards.

Accepted, and order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom were referred, with full powers, an order from the files of last year, concerning a retiring-room for the teachers in the Munroe-street School-house ; also, an order — Jan. 24, 1888 — concerning temporary Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District, — reported that the said orders have been approved by the committee, and forwarded to the City Council.

Report of Committee on School Houses; retiring-room for teachers in Munroe-street School-house; temporary Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District. [See p. 19.]

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 13 — an order concerning temporary Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on School Houses; temporary Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District. [See p. 61.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary Primary-School accommodations in the Dudley District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; ventilators for the Vernon-street Primary School-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the furnishing of Eureka Ventilators for the Vernon-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish ventilators for each room of the Vernon-street Primary School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Tucker automatic desk-lid support.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place upon the desks of the first class in the Grammar Schools, also on those of the High Schools, the Tucker automatic lid support, of the noiseless pattern.

Report of Committee on Supplies; authority to exceed appropriation for janitors' and other supplies.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, reported that the estimated expense of janitors' and other supplies for the present financial year was $3,300, which amount was included in the estimates. The committee have incurred expenses for this item in excess of that amount, and, in compliance with the Rules, hereby request the approval of their action by the School Board.

Accepted, and the action of the committee approved.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 10, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Fallon, Gallagher, Hall, Hyde, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Dorchester-Everett District. — M. Rosalia Merrill, fourth assistant, April 2, 1888. Resignation of teachers.

Dudley District. — Alice E. Farrington, third assistant, April 9, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Roxbury High School. — Nellie A. Bragg, assistant, from April 9, 1888. Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Kate F. Hobart, fourth assistant, from March 22, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Roxbury High School. — Annie N. Crosby, assistant, from April 9, 1888. Election of teachers on probation.

Chapman District. — Kate L. Niland, third assistant, from March 28, 1888.

Dorchester-Everett District. — M. Rosalia Merrill, second assistant, Primary School, from April 2, 1888.

Dudley District. — Margaret T. Dooley and M. Alice Kimball, third assistants, from April 9, 1888.

George Putnam District. — Alice E. Farrington, second assistant, from April 9, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Gibson District. — Mary A. Merritt, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Jessie Girdwood.

Girls' Latin School. — Jessie Girdwood, assistant, until July 1, 1888; Minna B Noyes, substitute.

Ella S. Wales.

Gibson District. — Ella S. Wales, second assistant until July 1, 1888; Anna E. Lanning, substitute.

Elizabeth A. Prichard.

Harvard District. — Elizabeth A Prichard, third assistant, until Sept. 1, 1888; Agnes A. Herlihy, substitute.

Maria L. Young.

Hyde District. — Maria L. Young, sewing teacher, until July 1, 1888; Margaret C. Kelley, substitute.

J. Annie Bense. Lucy J. Dunnels. Lillie A. Hicks. Florence J. Bigelow.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, until July 1, 1888; Lucy J. Dunnels, third assistant, until July 1, 1888 — Mary M. Clapp, substitute; Lillie A. Hicks, third assistant, until July 1, 1888 — Bessie L. Barnes, substitute; Florence J. Bigelow, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1888 — Hattie C. Hathaway, substitute.

Prince District. — Harriet D. Hinckley, first assistant, until Sept. 1, 1888; Clara E. Fairbanks, substitute. Harriet D. Hinckley.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Smith-street School-house, Martin District. Repairs in Smith-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, reported that they have received several petitions from parents and others, residents of Boston, asking that children who were not pupils of the public schools might be allowed to attend the Manual Training Schools. The committee believe that if the matter be referred to them with full powers they may be able to permit such attendance where there are vacancies in the schools, under such conditions as will not interfere with the regular work, or the attendance of pupils of the public schools. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order: — Report of Committee on Manual Training Schools; attendance of pupils other than those of the public schools at the Manual Training Schools.

Ordered, That the subject of permitting pupils not attending the public schools to attend the Manual Training Schools be referred to the Committee on Manual Training Schools with full powers.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors and truant-officers in the service of the city be continued on the basis of last year's salaries for the month of April, 1888. Salaries of teachers and truant-officers for month of April, 1888.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, offered the following: —

Appointment of temporary teacher of sewing; compensation of.

Ordered, That Frances Tully be appointed temporary teacher of sewing, to take charge of the classes taught by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Power, teacher of sewing, granted leave of absence, without pay, until July 1, 1888; and that the compensation of Miss Tully be at the rate of twenty-three dollars per month, to date from April 9, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Petition for use of Warren's Geographies: in the schools of the second division.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition, signed by sixty-two of the teachers of the Second Division, asking that Warren's Geographies be authorized for use in the schools of that division.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Hours of morning sessions of schools. [See pp. 37, 52, 73.]

On motion of Mr. Canning, the special assignment being the order appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on the hours of the morning sessions of schools, was taken up.

The Chair stated that the question was on the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That whenever, in the judgment of a Division Committee, the welfare of the pupils and schools so require, the Division Committee is authorized to dispense with the recess, and close the morning sessions at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock M.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the order was amended so as to read as follows: —

Ordered, That whenever in the judgment of a Division Committee the welfare of the pupils and schools so require, the Division Committee is authorized to close the morning session at fifteen minutes before twelve o'clock M., and if so closed, a recess of ten minutes shall be given.

Rules suspended.

The order passed as amended, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair announced the following appointments of committees: —

On Supervision.—Messrs. Carrigan, Chapin, Swasey, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Duryea, Hall, and Collison. Committee on Supervision.

On Annual School Festival. — Messrs. Griffin, Grainger, Walsh, Miss Hastings, Mr. O'Grady. Committee on Annual School Festival.

Mr. Griffin was excused from service on the Committee on Annual School Festival, and the Chair appointed Mr. Duryea in his stead.

The appointments were approved.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 24, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Miss Hastings, Messrs. Elliott, Gallagher, Grainger, Hyde, and McDonald.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the City Council; fire-escapes on school-houses.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 12, 1888.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested to inform the City Council of the cause of the present worthless condition of the fire-escapes on the buildings in the charge of said committee.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 13.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, April 18, 1888.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,

Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Lowell District.— Anna L. Hudson, second assistant, May 1, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Comins District. — Mary A. Brennan, from April 18, 1888.

Emerson District. — Emma M. Bates, from April 25, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Chapman District. — Bessie L. Barnes, third assistant, from March 1 to 27, 1888, inclusive; Henrietta S. Manson, fourth assistant, from April 25, 1888.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Wilson, third assistant, from April 9, 1888; Emma L. Merrill, fourth assistant, from April 9, 1888.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, third assistant, from April 19, 1888.

Mather District. — Alice M. Smith, fourth assistant, from April 9, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from April 12, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dor.-Everett District. — Lucy G. Flusk, fourth assistant, from March 16, 1888.

Lowell District. — Anna L. Hudson, first assistant, from May 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board.

Emma F. Savil.

Dor.-Everett District. — Emma F. Savil, third assistant, until July 1, 1888; Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

Hancock District. — Mary E. Skinner, second assistant, until June 1, 1888; Mary A. Mahan, substitute. Mary E. Skinner.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Ordered, That Jackson's Manual of Astronomical Geography (34 copies) be authorized for use as supplementary reading in the Boys' Latin School. Supplementary reading, Boys' Latin School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Regiment take place on Friday, May 18; and that the annual prize drills be held on the afternoons of May 24, 25, 28, 29. Annual parade of School Regiment; prize drills.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, it was

Ordered, That the Joint Committee on Evening Schools and Examinations have leave to report in print on the subject of courses of study for the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools. Joint Committee on Evening Schools and Examinations to report in print.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, to whom was referred — March 27 — the communication from the City Council requesting the School Committee to furnish the reason for the surrender of the Walpole-street School-house, reported that they gave a public hearing on the subject as instructed. The reasons for the surrender of the building were reviewed at the hearing, and are substantially as follows: The building is located on the corner of Walpole and Tremont streets. Walpole street is the principal means of entrance to the base-ball grounds. For a large part of the year the passing of carriages, the passing of large numbers of people by the building, and the standing of carriages and their drivers around the building, occasion a state of noise and confusion. The sanitary condition Report of Committee on Fifth Division; surrender of Walpole-street School-house. [See page 63.]

of the building was poor. The children were compelled to pass through the yard in view of those standing about, and subject to the remarks of these people. No remedy could be applied until the Hyde School-house was built. The Sherwin School-house, situated only a few minutes' walk from the Walpole-street building, is removed from the noise and confusion, is superior in its sanitary arrangements, and on the completion of the Hyde School a large number of pupils were transferred from the Sherwin School to the Hyde School, thus furnishing ample accommodations, not only for the pupils attending the Walpole-street building, but to meet all demands for school accommodations in that section. By the transfer of the pupils the expense for the care of the Walpole-street building, the expense for fuel, etc., were saved without detriment to the school-service. The committee, after keeping the building unoccupied for several months, and after a conference with the principals of the Hyde and Sherwin Schools, being confirmed in their opinion that the building would not again be required for school purposes, surrendered it to the City Council.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, it was

Ordered, That a copy of the report be forwarded to the City Council.

Resignation of Mr. James S. Murphy as Chairman of the Committee on Annual Report.

The Chair read the following: —

BOSTON, April 18, 1888.

WM. C. WILLIAMSON, ESQ., *President School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I thank you sincerely for your kind consideration in appointing me on so many important committees. I cannot find the time to do all the work as it should be done. I therefore beg leave to resign as Chairman of the Committee on the Annual Report.

Yours truly,

JAS. S. MURPHY.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Fifield Chairman of the Committee on Annual Report, in place of Mr. Murphy, resigned.

Appointment on committee.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide, as soon as possible, temporary school accommodations in the Lowell District.

Temporary school accommodations in the Lowell District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order proposing amendments to Sections 49 and 234 of the Rules and Regulations, relative to the nomination of teachers of sewing, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; nomination of teachers of sewing.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECTION 49. Insert after the words "they shall," in the fourth line, the words, "after consulting with the principals."

SECTION 234. Insert after the words "The Committee on Sewing shall," in the eighth line, the words, "after consulting with the principals."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 28 — an order proposing an amendment to the Regulations providing for the appointment of an additional second assistant in the Normal School, for service in the Normal and Training Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; additional second assistant in Normal School. [See page 50.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECTION 291. Insert after the words "a deficiency of twenty," in the seventh line, the following words: "In

addition to the teachers allowed in this section, an additional second assistant shall be allowed for service in the Normal and Training Schools."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Supplies; lockers in coat-room of School Committee. [See page 52.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — February 28 — an order to the effect that they consider the expediency of providing lockers or closets in the coat-room of the members of the School Committee, reported that the arrangement of the rooms is not favorable to the carrying out of the order as proposed, but that the committee have caused hat-racks to be provided for the use of the members, which it is thought may prove a satisfactory substitute.

Accepted.

Mr. Carrigan, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Course of study, Normal School; amendment of Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That Section 290 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "The course of study in this school shall be for a year and a half."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 8, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Miss Hastings, Messrs. Darling, Elliot, Gallagher, Grainger, Murphy, and O'Grady.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, April 19, 1888.

Communication from City Council: kindergartens in East Boston.

Ordered, That the School Board be requested to establish two Kindergarten Schools in East Boston.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 23, 1888.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, April 25, 1888.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Laid on the table.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows, —

Nomination of sewing teachers. [See page 85.]

SECTION 49. Insert after the words "they shall," in the fourth line, the words: "after consulting with the principals."

SECTION 234. Insert after the words "the Committee on Sewing shall," in the eighth line, the words: "after consulting with the principals."

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the order was laid on the table.

The following order was read a second time: —

Additional second assistant in Normal School. [See pp. 50, 85.]

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECTION 291. Insert after the words, "a deficiency of twenty," in the seventh line, the following words: "in addition to the teachers allowed in this section an additional second assistant shall be allowed for service in the Normal and Training Schools."

Passed.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Dudley District. — Mary E. Watson, fourth assistant, April 9, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Allston District. — Mabel A. English, from April 10, 1888.

Comins District. — Katharine C. Sullivan, from April 24, 1888.

Dillaway District. — Mary E. Connor, from April 12, 1888.

Harris District. — Bertha F. Cudworth, from April 23, 1888.

Quincy District. — Hattie C. Leatherbee, from May 1, 1888.

Stoughton District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, from April 24, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from April 9, 1888.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Sullivan, third assistant, from May 14, 1888.

Rice District. — Agnes B. Hudson, third assistant, from May 7, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of a teacher on probation.

Allston District.—Elizabeth C. Muldoon, fourth assistant, from April 16, 1888.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Ellenette Pillsbury.

Adams District. — Ellenette Pillsbury, third assistant, until July 1, 1888; James Burrier, substitute.

Grace M. Remick.

Grace M. Remick, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1888; Sarah N. Macomber, substitute.

Emily H. Sanderson.

Emily H. Sanderson, fourth assistant, until July 1, 1888; Agnes A. Aubin, substitute.

Agnes J. Cushman.

Dwight District. — Agnes J. Cushman, third assistant, until July 1, 1888; Winella W. Stratton, substitute.

Silence A. Hill.

Lincoln District. — Silence A. Hill, third assistant, until September 1, 1888; S. Josephine Lavery, substitute.

Susan G. B. Garland.

Lowell District. — Susan G. B. Garland, third as-

sistant, until July 1, 1888; Helen C. Laughlin, substitute.

Eliza F. Russell.

Lyman District. — Eliza F. Russell, first assistant, until July 1, 1888; Samuel W. Clarke, substitute.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Window-Gardening Committee of Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

MAY 5, 1888.

MR. W. C. WILLIAMSON, *Chairman of Board of School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, —At a meeting of the Window-Gardening Committee of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, held on May 5, it was voted to request of the Honorable Board of School Committee of Boston that permission be given to such teachers in the public schools as may desire to do so, to speak of the subject of window-gardening to the pupils.

The aims of the committee are purely educational, and therefore seem to be in line with the work of our schools. In the opinion of many teachers, children are easily interested in the cultivation of plants, and homes are made more attractive by their efforts. The testimony of many parents last year as to the good effects on the children was overwhelming.

Yours respectfully,

HENRIETTA L. T. WOLCOTT,

Chairman of Committee on Window Gardening, Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

The request was granted, provided that such instruction does not interfere with the regular work of the schools.

The Chair presented the following: —

Communication from Rev. Theodore A. Metcalf; complaint against Charles B. Travis.

SOUTH BOSTON, May 8, 1888.

To the Honorable School Board of the City of Boston: —

MR. CHAIRMAN, SIR, — It is both my duty and my right as a clergyman and a citizen to submit the following statement to the School Committee; and at the same time that I protest against the injustice, I demand a remedy, in the name of every Catholic in Boston, against any repetition of similar insults. Twice within the past two weeks Mr. Charles B. Travis, of the English High School, in his capacity

of teacher of history, has trespassed on the forbidden ground of religion, and made statements which were an outrage to Catholics in his endeavor to explain a question of Catholic doctrine. On the first occasion, in the second class, when asked by a pupil, "What is an indulgence?" he replied, "A permission to commit sin"; also adding, by way of illustration, after further inquiries, "should a murderer be brought before a judge, he would only have to put his hand in his pocket and produce indulgence papers to be pardoned." A Catholic pupil objected that such was not the teaching of the Catholic Church, and had for reply, "You may hold your opinion, and I will hold mine"; also, "I have taught history for many years and know what I am talking about." On the second occasion, in the second class, room 13, second division, about a week after the above remarks, Mr. Travis was again asked, "What is an indulgence?" and replied, "A permission to commit sin;" also, "You pay so much money in advance for leave to commit certain sins." A Catholic pupil again objected, giving the definition of indulgences as taught by his Church. Mr. Travis replied, "There are two opinions on that subject; the Protestant as well as the Catholic." "I have taught for thirty years, and don't talk of what I don't know." — "Well, you would make a kind of penance out of an indulgence." — "I may be wrong, however; I was not there, and did not go to Mr. Tetzel and ask how much I would have to give to kill Mr. Jackson's cow, or to put an iron steeple (staple?) before a railway train and throw a number of people into eternity."

These disjointed sentences only show the drift of the teacher's object, viz., to throw contempt upon the Catholic boys, who endeavored to defend their religion from calumny and insult. I submit that such treatment of history is an encroachment into the domain of theology, which the non-sectarian school cannot justifiably permit. It is an insult to Catholics. I have the names of the boys who spoke for their faith in both of the above instances. Also I have the names of several other Catholic boys who were witnesses to the whole proceeding. These names will be furnished if desired.

Yours, very respectfully,

THEODORE A. METCALF,
Rector of Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools, with power to employ a stenographer if, in the judgment of that committee, it is desirable.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Committee on Supplies to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to report in print, and that seven hundred copies of the report be printed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of N. Hosea Whittemore.

Ordered, That N. Hosea Whittemore, master of the Harris School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his grade, to date from June 1, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; Regulations Eastburn School Fund. [See page 71.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — March 27 — an order proposing certain regulations for the disbursement of the interest of the Eastburn Fund, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by inserting the following as Chapter XXVI., and numbering the succeeding chapter to conform to this change.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Regulations of Eastburn School Fund.

Sect. 375. The interest shall be drawn from the city treasury from time to time, as needed, by the head-master of the Normal School, on the order of the Chairman of the Committee on Normal School, on vote of the committee.

Sect. 376. The money thus received shall be expended by the head-master, with the approval of the committee, for the benefit of deserving and poor scholars attending the Boston Normal School.

Sect. 377. The head-master shall keep an account of such expenditures, with vouchers, which account shall be open to the inspection of the School Committee; and a statement of the expenditures shall be presented

to the Committee on Normal School and the Committee on Accounts, on the first day of January and July.

SECT. 378. The head-master's account shall be audited, semi-annually, by the Chairmen of the Committees on Normal School and Accounts, after which the vouchers shall be destroyed.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; tenure of office of head-master of the Normal School. [See page 62.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 13 — an order that this committee report upon the expediency of electing the head-master of the Normal School during the pleasure of the Board, as authorized by the Act of 1886, relating to tenure of office of teachers, reported that the subject of tenure of office of teachers is now under consideration by this committee. In the judgment of this committee, it would be unwise to act upon any individual teacher or grade of teachers, but that the subject of tenure of office of all teachers should be considered. The committee, therefore, report that it is inexpedient to take special action on the order referred.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, it was

Leave of absence to J. M. Mason.

Ordered, That leave of absence, without pay, be granted to J. M. Mason, special instructor in music, until July 1, 1888.

On motion of Mr. Duryea, it was

Recommendations in Superintendent's Report referred.

Ordered, That the recommendations in the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools be referred to the several committees, to whom the matters presented belong, for consideration.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Removal of trees in front of Dillaway School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove two or three trees in front of the Dillaway School-house.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, it was

King-street School-house; use of for a vacation school.

Ordered, That the use of the King-street School-house be granted to William C. Williams for a vacation school during the months of July and August; the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Fifth Division, it was

Wait School-house; use of for a vacation school.

Ordered, That permission be granted to Mrs. J. W. Andrews, in behalf of the South End Vacation School Committee, to use the Wait School-house for a vacation school during the months of July and August, the same to be without expense to the city.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following: —

Certificate of qualification to Carrie E. Trim.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized to issue a certificate of qualification, special grade, as teacher of the school on Spectacle Island, to Carrie E. Trim; the certificate to date from April 2, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of the Committee on School Houses; fire-escapes on school-houses. [See p. 81.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — April 24 — a communication from the City Council relative to fire-escapes on school-houses, presented the following report: —

The School Committee protested against the affixing of the Dunn Fire-escape to any of the buildings in their charge, as they deemed the escapes, from their construction, decidedly ill-adapted to the use of school-children, and of little value to any one, unless possibly, in some emergency, to firemen as a means of carrying hose into a building.

Therefore this Board has taken very little interest in the escapes except so far as to instruct janitors to keep the keys in their proper places; this Board reasoning that the Department of Public Buildings, having charge of the repairs of the buildings to which the escapes are attached, would have charge of the repairs of the escapes also.

Your committee has received from the Department of Public Buildings a report of the condition of the several escapes, which is, in the opinion of your committee, as favorable a one as they have a right to expect at any time of an escape so constructed.

Finally, your committee think the Dunn Fire-escape of no use whatever as a means of saving the lives of school-children in case of fire, though it might be of use to an expert athlete, who would probably find some way of escape, even under extreme circumstances.

Accepted, and a copy of the report ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 22, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Miss Hastings, Messrs. Elliott, Gallagher, Grainger, and Hall.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by inserting the following as Chapter XXVI., and numbering the succeeding chapter to conform to this change.

Regulations Eastburn School Fund. [See pp. 71, 92.]

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Sect. 378. The head-master's account shall be audited, semi-annually, by the Chairmen of the Committees on Normal School and Accounts, after which the vouchers shall be destroyed.

Passed.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Dearborn District. — Agnes A. Watson, from May 8, 1888.

Lowell District. — Lillian S. Hilton, from May 21, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Annette S. Blaney, from May 16, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Dudley District. — Ellen M. Farrell, fourth assistant, from April 18 to May 18, 1888, inclusive.

Harris District. — Bertha F. Cudworth, fourth assistant, from April 23, 1888.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, third assistant, from April 30, 1888.

Lowell District. — Lena A. Aechtler, fourth assistant, from May 21, 1888.

Prescott District. — Minnie E. Ward, third assistant, from May 1, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dudley District. — Mary A. Brennan, fourth assistant, from May 21, 1888.

Lowell District. — Bessie L. Barnes, third assistant, from May 16, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Harvard District. — Mary E. Kelly, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — Gertrude Halladay, third assistant.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

East Boston High School. — Sarah L. Dyer, assistant, until July 1, 1888; Emily L. Clark, substitute.

Sarah L. Dyer.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, until July 1, 1888; Katherine J. Keefe, substitute.

Frank M. McCutchins.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Gibson and Pierce Schools be dispensed with this year.

Graduating exercises Gibson and Pierce Schools dispensed with.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Chapman School take place on Monday, June 25, 1888.

Graduating exercises, Chapman School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, submitted the annual report of that committee.

Annual report of the Committee on Text-Books.

The following orders were appended to the report: —

1. *Ordered*, That Meiklejohn's Rhetoric be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Hill's Rhetoric.

2. *Ordered*, That Sharpless and Philips's Astronomy be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Kiddle's Astronomy.

3. *Ordered*, That Wells's Geometry be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Bradbury's Elementary Geometry.

4. *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Elementary Geometry be authorized for use as a text-book in the Evening High School.

5. *Ordered*, That Swinton's Outlines of the World's History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

6. *Ordered*, That the use of Sauveur's Petites Causeries be authorized for use the present year in the English High School in addition to the High Schools in which it is now authorized.

7. *Ordered*, That About's La Mère de la Marquise, Daudet's Le Siége de Berlin, Goethe's Prose, Schiller's Prose, and Stein's German Exercises, be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin and High Schools.

8. *Ordered*, That Bulfinch's Age of Fable be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools in place of Beren's Handbook of Mythology.

9. *Ordered*, That Swinton's Geographies be authorized for use as text-books in the schools of Charlestown in place of Guyot's Geographies.

10. *Ordered*, That Tweed's Grammar for Common Schools be authorized for use as a text-book in the first and second classes of the Grammar Schools in place of Swinton's New Language Lessons.

11. *Ordered*, That authorized supplementary reading books of similar grades may be used in place of the regular text-books in reading in the first and second classes of the Grammar Schools.

12. *Ordered*, That Harper's Copy Books and Appleton's Writing Books be authorized for use as text-books in the Grammar Schools.

13. *Ordered*, That Yaggy's Anatomical Chart be authorized for use in the public schools; and that not

more than thirty-seven copies of the chart be purchased this year.

14. *Ordered*, That Section 295 of the Regulations be amended, by inserting after the words "as are needed" in the third line, the words "in the opinion of the Committee on Normal School."

15. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be granted further time to present their report on supplementary reading, and their recommendation on a text-book in history for High School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report was ordered to be printed, and specially assigned for consideration at the next meeting of the Board, at a quarter before eight o'clock. Special assignment.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Normal Music Course be authorized for use in the Rice Training School, and in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the Third and Sixth Divisions. Normal Music Course.

Referred to the Committee on Text-Books, with the request that the committee report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committtee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to place gas in the urinals of the Polk-street Primary School-house for ventilating purposes. Ventilation of urinals of Polk-street School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. McDonald, for the same committee, offered the following orders: —

Ordered, That Fanny A. Foster, second assistant, Primary School, in the Harvard District, be placed on the maximum salary of her grade, to date from March 1, 1888. Salary of Fanny A. Foster.

Salary of Elizabeth B. Norton.

Ordered, That Elizabeth B. Norton, second assistant, Primary School, in the Bunker Hill District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from March 1, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. McDonald presented the following petition: —

Petition for Evening High School in Charlestown.

To the Honorable School Board of the City of Boston: —

GENTLEMEN, —Acting upon the suggestion made at the closing exercises of the Evening High School by your chairman, Mr. Williamson, and other members of your honorable body, to the effect that any suggestions tending to the improvement of the Evening High School system would receive your attention, we, the undersigned, pupils and citizens of Charlestown, respectfully represent that the pupils being employed during the day, it is very difficult for those who generally leave work at 6 o'clock P.M., to reach school at the opening hour, — 7.30. It is also very late when they reach their homes after school. It is a fact that of seventy or eighty pupils from this district that attend at the opening of the school, not more than a dozen are present at its close, the reasons being that some not being able to get there in time are compelled to give it up; while others, on account of the severity of the weather, while riding back and forth, contract colds, and are thereby forced to discontinue. Then, again, there are a great many young ladies in the district, who, were it not for the lateness of the hours, would gladly attend. It is safe to say that were an opportunity given them there would not less than two hundred pupils attend.

We, the undersigned, petition that the Charlestown High School be fitted as an Evening High School, and that teachers be supplied. In doing this you will be doing an act of justice to the people of Charlestown, who are practically debarred from a great many privileges enjoyed by the people of the city proper.

Hoping the above will receive your attention, we remain,

Respectfully,

JOHN F. BOLES,
and 224 others.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to pave the yard and complete the fence around the yard of the Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Yard of Hugh O'Brien School-house, paving and fence for.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Lasker, for the Joint Committee on Evening Schools and Examinations, to whom was referred — March 13 — the report of the Board of Supervisors on Courses of Study for the Elementary Evening Schools and the Evening High School, presented for adoption the courses of study for Evening Schools. (School Doc. No. 6, 1888.)

Report of Joint Committee on Evening Schools and Examinations; courses of study for Evening Schools. [See page 60.]

Accepted, and the courses of study for Evening Schools adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, it was

Ordered, That three thousand copies of the courses of study for Evening Schools be printed.

Edition of courses of study for Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Ordered, That exhibitions of the work of the pupils in the Evening Drawing Schools be held this year in the several buildings where these schools are located.

Exhibitions of work, Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Lasker offered the following: —

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to investigate as to the manner in which Mr. H. E. Holt, one of the instructors in music, has performed the duties required of him by the School Committee. That this committee inquire as to whether he has visited his schools as often as the regulations require, as to whether he has visited certain schools *more* frequently than the regulations require, for the purpose of exhibiting his so-called system to visitors, and as to whether other schools have been neglected in consequence.

Investigation of work of H. E. Holt.

Referred to the Committee on Music; a public hearing to be given if in the judgment of that committee it is necessary.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Committee on Accounts to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to report in print, and that eight hundred copies of the report be printed.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Blossom-street School-house; use of for vacation school.

Ordered, That the use of the school-house on Blossom street be granted to the West End Vacation School for July and August of the current year; the same to be without expense to the city.

Annual report of the Committee on Salaries; salaries of instructors. [See page 50.]

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the annual report of the Committee on Salaries (School Doc. 3, 1888) was taken from the table.

The orders appended to the report are as follows: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be for the ensuing school year as contained in the following schedule. (See School Doc. 3, 1888.)

2. *Ordered*, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-Masters, elected as Principals, $216; First Assistants, elected as Principals, $72, each, in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

3. *Ordered*, That the salary of a temporary junior master be at the rate of $5 per day of actual service.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the first order (see Doc. 3, 1888) was amended by striking out under "Grammar Schools" the following, "Principal Tileston School, $1,380."

The first order, as amended, passed.

The second order passed.

The third order passed.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of Mr. Duryea on Committee on Annual School Festival.

BOSTON, May 18, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. WILLIAMSON: — I find I must leave for the West about June 1, not to return until in July. This will prevent me from acting on the Committee on the Festival.

I am sorry to be absent, but made promises to be in the West at this time before I knew of the appointment, and now the advices and arrangements have been made for me to address the College at Yankton and the University of Dakota in June, to meet a conference of scholars in Kansas, and another in Nebraska.

Yours most truly,

JOSEPH T. DURYEA.

The resignation was accepted.

Appointment on Committee on Annual School Festival.

The Chair appointed Mr. Griffin, Chairman of the Committee on Annual School Festival, in place of Mr. Duryea, resigned.

Approved.

Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. 7, 1888.)

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 12, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Chapin, Darling, Duryea, and Gallagher.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair presented a communication from the City Council, being the orders establishing the several appropriations (City Doc. 87, 1888), which showed that the sum of $1,764,180 had been appropriated for schools and school-houses for the financial year 1888–89.

Appropriation for schools; communication from City Council.

Placed on file.

The Chair presented a communication from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology relating to the subject of manual training, which was referred to the Committee on Manual Training Schools.

Communication from Mass. Institute of Technology; manual training.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Dudley District. — Alice L. Williams, fourth assistant, June 15, 1888.

Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Comins District. — Mary F. O'Brien, from June 1, 1888.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Martin District. — Margaret J. Adams, from May 21, 1888.

Shurtleff District. — Ida M. Condon, from April 23, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Harry C. Shaw, junior-master, from June 13, 1888.

West Roxbury High School. — Clarabel Gilman, assistant, from June 12, 1888.

Charles Sumner District. — Kate F. Hobart, fourth assistant, from June 22, 1888.

Dudley District. — Mary A. Brennan, fourth assistant, from April 9 to 18, 1888.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from June 7, 1888.

Gaston District. — Florence K. Manson, third assistant, from May 14, 1888; Isabella J. Murray, fourth assistant, from June 1, 1888.

Lowell District. — Anna S. Cameron, third assistant, from May 1 to 16, 1888.

Mt. Vernon District. — Inez Drake, fourth assistant, from June 7, 1888.

Pierce District. — Helen A. Woods, fourth assistant, from June 8, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Rose E. Conaty, fourth assistant, from May 28, 1888.

Winthrop District. — Emily H. Osborne, fourth assistant, from May 14, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dudley District. — Alice L. Williams, second assistant, Primary School, from June 15, 1888.

Mt. Vernon District. — Emma L. McDonald, fourth assistant, second year, from May 1, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Rose E. Conaty, fourth assistant, from June 1, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Gaston District. — A. Delancey Sutherland, second assistant. Confirmation of a teacher.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

English High School. — Robert E. Babson, master, until Jan. 1, 1889. Robert E. Babson.

Dwight District. — Jennie I. Kendall, fourth assistant, until Oct. 1, 1888. Jennie I. Kendall.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the dates of the graduating exercises of the several High Schools: — Dates of graduating exercises, High Schools.

Monday, June 25,	Latin School,	9 A. M.
	Girls' High School,	9 A. M.
	Roxbury High School,	2 P. M.
	Dorchester High School,	4 P. M.
Tuesday, June 26,	Girls' Latin School,	9 A. M.
	English High School,	10 A. M.
	West Roxbury High School,	3 P. M.
	East Boston High School,	7.30 P.M.
Wednesday, June 27,	Charlestown High School,	3 P. M.
	Brighton High School,	7.30 P. M.

Accepted.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, submitted the following report: — Report of the Committee on Music; investi-

gation of work of H. E. Holt. [See page 103.]

The Committee on Music, to whom was referred — May 22 — an order that they investigate as to the manner in which Mr. H. E. Holt, one of the instructors in music, has performed the duties required of him by the School Committee; that this committee inquire as to whether he has visited his schools as often as the regulations require; as to whether he has visited certain schools *more* frequently than the regulations require, for the purpose of exhibiting his so-called system to visitors; and as to whether other schools have been neglected in consequence, — respectfully report that the committee have held three meetings, and have given an opportunity to all who cared to appear before them to do so. The committee summoned before them the principals of all the schools in which Mr. Holt has charge of the instruction in music. As the result of their inquiry, the committee find that he has been a faithful and zealous instructor, and has performed the duties required of him in a very creditable and acceptable manner during his long term of service. From the testimony presented to the committee it appears that he has visited the schools regularly except when prevented by illness. He has not "visited certain schools *more* frequently than the regulations required," and has not neglected any school in his district. In justice to Mr. Holt, the committee feel bound to state that there is no ground for complaint against him, and that it is their unanimous opinion that Mr. Holt is earnestly devoted to his work, and has faithfully and conscientiously performed every duty required of him by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the written statement of Mr. Holt, presented to the Committee on Music, was read.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Swasey, the previous question was ordered.

The report was accepted.

Special assignment; Report of Committee on Text-Books. [See pp. 99, 100, 101.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Text-Books (School Doc. 9, 1888), was taken up.

The report was accepted.

1. *Ordered*, That Meiklejohn's Rhetoric be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Hill's Rhetoric.

Laid on the table.

2. *Ordered*, That Sharpless and Phillips's Astronomy be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Kiddle's Astronomy.

Passed unanimously.

3. *Ordered*, That Wells's Geometry be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Bradbury's Elementary Geometry.

Lost, by a vote of 9 to 10.

Subsequently Mr. Swasey gave notice of his intention to move the reconsideration of the vote whereby the third order was declared lost.

4. *Ordered*, That Bradbury's Elementary Geometry be authorized for use as a text-book in the Evening High School.

Laid on the table.

5. *Ordered*, That Swinton's Outlines of the World's History be dropped from the list of authorized text-books in the High Schools.

Passed.

6. *Ordered*, That the use of Sauveur's Petites Causeries be authorized for use the present year in the English High School in addition to the High Schools in which it is now authorized.

Passed.

7. *Ordered*, That About's La Mère de la Marquise, Daudet's Le Siége de Berlin, Goethe's Prose, Schiller's Prose, and Stein's German exercises be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin and High Schools.

Passed.

8. *Ordered*, That Bulfinch's Age of Fable be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools in place of Beren's Handbook of Mythology.

Passed.

9. *Ordered*, That Swinton's Geographies be author-

ized for use as text-books in the schools of Charlestown in place of Guyot's Geographies.

Passed.

10. *Ordered*, That Tweed's Grammar for Common Schools be authorized for use as a text-book in the first and second classes of the Grammar Schools in place of Swinton's New Language Lessons.

Opinion of Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the Superintendent of Schools gave his opinion as follows: —

"There has been a strong and constantly expressed desire for something brief of the nature of technical grammar. Swinton's Language Lessons have been used a long time. It is not purely a language book, nor is it a technical grammar, but a mixture of both. Some years ago it was removed from the lower to the upper classes of the Grammar Schools, because technical grammar was mixed up with language lessons in such a way as to lead teachers to teach technical grammar to young pupils, and the result was confusion. The book was moved up. It is a language book in a large measure, and contains technical grammar too, but the technical grammar part is not systematically presented; hence the desire for a technical grammar pure and simple — of the old-fashioned sort. Such a book should be used in the upper classes. The proposed text-book will operate as a *limitation* on the subject of technical grammar in some of the Grammar Schools, where it is followed to fine distinctions, — a practice which robs the grammar course of its best results. It would enable the authorities to say to teachers, teach so much technical grammar and no more; that will be enough to bring forth best results. Language work is well provided for now in the lower classes, but a moderate amount of technical grammar ought to be retained in

the upper classes. The work would be better carried out, and better results would appear, if we could have this book to guide and limit the work."

On motion of Mr. Blake, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Order No. 10 was lost by the following vote, the Chair ruling that it would require 16 votes to pass the order: — Yeas and nays.

Yeas. — The President, Messrs. Blake, Canning, Collison, Dunn, Elliott, Fallon, Grainger, Griffin, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, Swasey, and Walsh. — 14.

Nays. — Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Carrigan, Hall, Hyde, and Lasker. — 6.

11. *Ordered*, That authorized supplementary reading-books of similar grades may be used in place of the regular text-books in reading in the first and second classes of the Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was substituted for Order No. 11 of the report: —

Ordered, That in the first and second classes of the Grammar Schools a portion of the time allotted to reading by the course of study may be spent upon supplementary reading authorized for those grades.

The order, as amended, passed.

12. *Ordered*, That Harper's Copy Books and Appleton's Writing Books be authorized for use as text-books in the Grammar Schools.

Passed.

13. *Ordered*, That Yaggy's Anatomical Chart be authorized for use in the public schools; and that not more than thirty-seven copies of the chart be purchased this year.

Laid on the table.

14. *Ordered*, That Section 295 of the Regulations

be amended, by inserting after the words "as are needed," in the third line, the words "in the opinion of the Committee on Normal Schools."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

15. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be granted further time to present their report on supplementary reading, and their recommendation on a text-book in history for High Schools.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; Normal Music Course. [See page 101.]

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, submitted the following report: —

The Committee on Text-Books, to whom was referred — May 22 — an order that the Normal Music Course be authorized for use in the Rice Training School, and in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the Third and Sixth Divisions, respectfully present the following report: —

The Board has, by its rules, placed in the hands of the Committee on Music the general supervision of the instruction in music in all the schools. That committee, after a long and careful consideration of the subject, have presented their unanimous recommendation that the Normal Music Course be authorized for use in certain schools.

To enable this committee to intelligently report upon the subject of the order would necessitate a long and critical investigation of the subject of the instruction in music, and would probably require, to a considerable extent, the repetition of the work which has already been done by the Committee on Music.

Your committee are of the opinion that they should be relieved from further consideration of the order, and that the responsibility for the change in text-books in music should be placed upon the Committee on Music, who have the special charge of that study, and from whom the recommendation comes.

The Committee on Text-Books recommend the passage of the following order.

JOHN G. BLAKE, *Chairman.*
GEO. R. SWASEY.
JOSEPH D. FALLON.

Ordered, That the Normal Music Course be authorized for use in the Rice Training School, and in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the Third and Sixth Divisions.

Mr. Carrigan submitted the following minority report of the committee: —

Minority report of Committee on Text-Books; Normal Music Course.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Text-Books, respectfully represents that by the Rules and Regulations it is the duty of the Text-Book Committee to consider the expediency and recommend to the Board such changes as it deems expedient in the text-books. That the committee has held but two hearings, a which the subject of the order relating to a change in music text books was considered, and at neither of which was a full committee present. That to duly consider and intelligently report upon said order more time is necessary. That the committee should be relieved from the further consideration of this order, or more time should be granted, that the committee may be able to present to this Board its reasons for or against the change contemplated in the order of the Committee on Music. That the Rules and Regulations places the responsibility of all changes of text-books upon the Committee on Text-Books, and it is plainly its duty to act on its own responsibility in the recommendation of any order for the approval of this Board. That the change contemplated is an important one, involving an expenditure of from $6.000 to $8,000, and that to recommend the adoption of an order, and to place the responsibility for its adoption upon another committee, is wholly inconsistent, and ought not to be adopted by the Board.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Text-Books, respectfully recommends the adoption of one of the following orders.

E. C. CARRIGAN.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be relieved from the further consideration of the order recommended by the Committee on Music.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-Books be granted further time for the consideration of a change in music text-books.

Mr. Carrigan moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report.

Lost.

Mr. Murphy raised the point of order that as the motion to substitute the minority for the majority report was of the nature of an amendment, and as the motion to substitute had been declared lost, the main question,

being the acceptance of the majority report, should be acted upon.

The Chair ruled the point well taken.

The majority report of the committee was accepted.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Fallon, the previous question was ordered.

The order appended to the report was lost by a vote of 13 to 4.

Mr. Hall asked the privilege of changing his vote from "Yes" to "No."

The Chair ruled that as the vote had been declared, and other business had intervened, the motion of Mr. Hall was not in order.

Mr. Hall appealed from the decision of the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The decision of the Chair was sustained by the following vote: —

Yeas. — Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Blake, Carrigan, Collison, Griffin, Hyde, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, and O'Grady. — 11.

Yeas and nays.

Nays. — Messrs. Canning, Dunn, Fallon, Grainger, Hall, Swasey, and Walsh. — 7.

At the request of Mrs. Fifield, the regular order of business was suspended in order that she might submit an order.

Mrs. Fifield offered the following: —

Committee on Kindergartens; appointment of.

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed, to be known as the Committee on Kindergartens; and that said committee be requested to report, at the next regular meeting of the Board, a plan for the organization of the public Kindergartens.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Mrs. Fifield and Messrs. Swasey and Collison as such committee.

Mr. Griffin moved to reconsider the vote whereby the order appended to the majority report of the Committee on Text-Books was declared lost.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Fallon, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Griffin's motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Carrigan, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended by striking out the words "the first Monday in September" wherever they occur, and inserting in place thereof the words "the first Wednesday in September."

Opening of public schools in September; Rules and Regulations amended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fallon offered the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 204 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "every Saturday," the words "the first Monday in September."

Holidays and vacations; Regulations amended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet at this place on Tuesday evening next, at half-past seven o'clock.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred—May 8 last—a communication from Rev. Theodore A Metcalf, complaining of offensive sectarianism by Mr. Charles B. Travis in the Boys' English High School, be instructed to report on that matter at the meeting of this Board to be held next Tuesday.

Communication from Rev. Theodore A. Metcalf; complaint against Charles B. Travis. [See pp. 90, 91.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division,

Death of Mary H. Dwyer.

reported the death of Mary H. Dwyer, late third assistant in the Gaston District.

Placed on file.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Holiday June 18.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Monday, June 18.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, it was

Leave of absence to J. M. Mason. [See page 93.]

Ordered, That the leave of absence granted to J. M. Mason, without pay, date from May 11 to July 1, 1888.

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, offered the following: —

John A. O'Shea appointed temporary instructor in music.

Ordered, That John A. O'Shea be appointed temporary special instructor in music, to take charge of the schools in which J. M. Mason has charge of the instruction in music, during the latter's absence, — from May 11 to July 1, 1888; and that the compensation of Mr. O'Shea be at the rate of two hundred and twenty dollars per month.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, it was

Establishment of a cooking-school in Charlestown.

Ordered, That a cooking school be established in Charlestown; and that the location be such as the Committee on Manual Training Schools may select, and the Committee on the Second Division approve.

Election of an instructor in schools of cookery.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, reported the nomination of Caroline J. Duff, teacher in the schools of cookery, on the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City assume charge of the Tennyson-street school of cookery in September, 1888; the cooking plant being given to the city by Mrs. Hemenway.

Tennyson-street school of cookery; city to assume charge of.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the city assume charge of the Jamaica Plain school of cookery in September, 1888.

Jamaica Plain school of cookery; city to assume charge of.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to give his opinion on the following: —

If the amount appropriated by the City Council for "School Expenses" — which item includes the salaries of janitors, fuel, etc., text-books, and incidental expenses — be expended before the close of the present financial year, would the School Board have the power to incur the necessary expense for continuing the schools to the end of the year?

Opinion of corporation counsel; power of School Board to incur expenses beyond appropriations.

Mr. Collison presented a petition, signed by Andrew A. O'Dowd and seventeen others, residents and property owners in Snelling place, that permission be not granted for the use of the Pormort School-house, or the yard thereof, during the summer vacation.

Petition remonstrating against the use of the Pormort School-house, or yard, during the summer vacation.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That the use of a room in the Lyman School-house be granted to Elizabeth E. Manson, for a vacation school during the months of July and August; the same to be without expense to the city.

Lyman School-house; use of room for vacation school.

Annual report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Canning, for the Committee on Accounts, submitted the annual report of that committee in print. (School Doc. 8, 1888.)

Accepted.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises Lyman School.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Lyman School take place on Friday, June 22, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Graduating exercises Allston and Bennett Schools.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Allston and Bennett Schools take place on Monday, June 25, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Tablet for Agassiz School house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place a suitable tablet on the Agassiz School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 19, 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Darling, Duryea, Elliott, Gallagher, Hall, and Walsh.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the graduating exercises of the Harris School take place on Monday, June 25, 1888.

Graduating exercises, Harris School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, presented the following report: —

Report of Committee on High Schools; communication from Rev. Theodore A. Metcalf; complaint against Charles B. Travis. [See pp. 90, 91, 117.]

The High School Committee, to whom was referred a communication addressed to this Board on the eighth day of May, last, by Rev. Theodore A. Metcalf, charging that certain definitions and illustrations in history given to his class by Mr. Charles B. Travis, a master in the English High School, were grossly offensive, not only to the Catholic pupils of the school, but to every Catholic in the community, and asking for protection against a repetition of those insults, having carefully considered the matter referred to them, respectfully submit the following report: —

We find that the charges made in the communication addressed to this Board by Rev. Theodore A. Metcalf are all true; that Mr. Travis, in the course of his instruction in history, did use the definitions and illustrations attributed to him. We are all of the opinion that such definitions and illustrations, in any of our public schools, are to be deplored by all those who have at heart the best interests of our public schools. Our schools are established for the education of all our children. Any language, therefore, by our school-teachers,

justly offensive to any class of our citizens, whether rich or poor, Catholic, Protestant, or Jew, white or colored, cannot be too severely censured. Boston is too enlightened and too just to tolerate in our schools what every educated man — nay, every tolerably well-instructed person in the community — knows to be a vile slander against Catholics.

We condemn, in the most unqualified manner, both Mr. Travis' definition of an indulgence, and his illustrations in explanation thereof.

We are all convinced that immunity from instruction so objectionable in future will be sufficiently guaranteed by this declaration, by the removal of the text-book which we believe tended to mislead the teacher, and by the transfer of Mr. Travis to some field of duty in the English High School other than the one heretofore occupied by him as teacher of history.

JOHN G. BLAKE,
WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
JOSEPH D. FALLON,
THOMAS O'GRADY, Jr.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Date of School Festival.

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held in the afternoon of Saturday, June 30, 1888.

On motion of Mr. Canning, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary of Mary H. Dwyer.

Ordered, That the salary due Mary H. Dwyer, deceased, late third assistant in the Gaston School, be paid to her father, Patrick J. Dwyer.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Retiring-room for teachers in Harris School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to construct a proper retiring-room for the teachers in the Harris School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Examinations, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be authorized to issue certificates of honorable mention to those pupils in the graduating classes of the High and Grammar Schools who are not entitled to diplomas, but who have been earnest in study and correct in deportment; said certificates to be signed by the President of the School Board and the Principal of the school.

Certificates of honorable mention to pupils in graduating classes.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Supplies, offered the following: —

Communication to City Council; appropriation for "School Expenses."

To the Honorable City Council: —

The School Committee herewith respectfully represent that the amount of money estimated by them as needed under the appropriation "School Expenses" was $268,000. Official information received shows a grant of $210,322, — a reduction of $57,678, or nearly 22 per cent.

This Board desires to communicate to the City Council, thus early, information that the amount allowed is insufficient to meet the necessary expenses.

At a low estimate, it will require $175,000 of the amount granted to pay for services of janitors and for fuel, gas, and water, leaving a balance of $35,322, or less than 60 cents per pupil, to pay for books and supplies for pupils and for all other expenses, outside of salaries, necessary for carrying on the education of more than 62,000 pupils, — which sum is entirely inadequate for the purpose. The average cost for supplying pupils alone for the past four years amounted to $56,538.01, or about 90 cents per pupil, which is probably a lower rate than that of 90 per cent. of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

This committee do not for a moment think that the cut-down in the appropriation was caused by any desire on the part of the City Council to cripple the schools, but rather from a lack of funds to meet all the demands of the city.

Under these circumstances, and as a partial relief, this committee petitions your Honorable Body that some action be taken for the appropriation of sufficient money to carry on the schools as they are at present constituted up to the close of the school-year. Therefore, be it

Ordered, That this statement be forwarded to the City Council, with a request that the petition contained therein be granted.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Reconsideration; Wells's Geometry. [See page 111.]

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the vote whereby the third order appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books was declared lost, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Swasey gave notice of the intention to present at the next meeting of the Board a substitute order providing that Wells's Geometry be added to the list of text-books in the High Schools.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; course of study, Normal School. [See page 86.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — April 24 — an order that Section 290 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "The course of study in this school shall be for a year and half," reported that the order ought to pass.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 26, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Carrigan, Duryea, Elliott, Gallagher, and Hall.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 290 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "The course of study in this school shall be for a year and a half."

Course of study Normal School; [See pp. 86, 124.]

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Lyman District. — Hosea H. Lincoln, master, Sept. 1, 1888; Martha H. Palmer, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1888.

Resignation of teachers.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Latin School. — Francis DeM. Dunn, junior master.

Confirmation of teachers.

East Boston High School. — Josiah P. Ryder, assistant.

Bowdoin District. — Mary E. O'Leary, fourth assistant.

Dwight District. — Henry C. Parker, sub-master.

Eliot District. — Genevieve C. Roach, third assistant.

Everett District. — Marguerite J. Flynn, fourth assistant.

Frothingham District. — James E. Hayes, sub-master.

Hyde District. — Etta Yerdon, third assistant.

Lewis District. — Henry B. Hall, sub-master.

Sherwin District. — Nellie F. Brazer, third assistant.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and First Division; candidate for master of Lyman School.

Mr. Dunn, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and First Division, reported the following-named candidate for the vacant mastership of the Lyman School, term of service to begin Sept. 5, 1888 — Augustus H. Kelly.

Accepted.

Ballot.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the Board proceeded to ballot for a master of the Lyman School. The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Canning, and Fallon a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. There was one blank.

Augustus H. Kelly elected.

Augustus H. Kelly had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected master of the Lyman School.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

Kindergartens, amendment of Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 2. Insert after the words "for the Deaf," the word "Kindergartens."

Insert the following as Section 57, and number the succeeding section to conform to this change: —

SECT. 57. The Committee on Kindergartens shall have the care and management of all schools of this name and character which are supported by the city. At the second meeting in March, or when

vacancies occur, they shall nominate to the Board as many suitable teachers as may be required. They shall make a written report to the Board in September.

Insert the following as Chapter XXV., and number the succeeding chapters to conform to this change: —

CHAPTER XXV.

Regulations of Kindergartens.

SECTION 367. These schools are established for the purpose of giving Kindergarten instruction to children of three and one-half years of age and upwards, and shall be under the charge of the Committee on Kindergartens. The sessions of the schools shall be such as the committee in charge shall determine, who shall also prescribe the course of instruction.

SECT. 368. There shall be such instructors for these schools as the Board may appoint, whose salaries shall be fixed by the Board in the same manner as the salaries of other instructors are fixed.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, submitted the following report: —

The Committee on Kindergartens respectfully report that, on account of the delay in the granting of the appropriations by the City Council, and as it is particularly desirable that these schools should be opened in September, the committee are of the opinion that some organization should be immediately effected. Report of Committee on Kindergartens; establishment of Kindergartens.

Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw generously offers to surrender to the city fourteen Kindergartens, and Mrs. James Tolman will surrender one Kindergarten. These Kindergartens, which have been so liberally maintained by these public-spirited ladies, are supplied with furniture, and much, if not all, of the necessary material required in the instruction; all of which is munificently donated to the city, so that the immediate expense, to a great degree, will be confined to the salaries of instructors. The committee propose to assume charge of and to open these Kindergartens in September next. It is their intention and desire to establish additional Kindergartens as rapidly as the appropriations will permit, so that every section of the city may have the opportunity afforded to its children of receiving Kindergarten training. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Kindergartens be established in the following-named locations: Sharp School, Anderson street; Winchell School, Blossom street; Baldwin School, Chardon street; 64 North Margin street; Cushman School, Parmenter street; 39 North Bennet street; Primary School, Hudson street; Howe School, South Boston; Warren Chapel, Warrenton street; Primary School, Rutland street; 147 Ruggles street; 933 Albany street; Primary School, Cottage place, Roxbury; Starr King School, Tennyson street.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, submitted the following report: —

Election of teachers of Kindergartens on probation.

The Committee on Kindergartens report the following nominations, on probation, of teachers for Kindergartens, the term of service of each to begin September 5, 1888. The committee recommend that the salaries of the teachers herein nominated be fixed for the present school-year at the rate per annum set against the name of each teacher. The committee recommend the passage of the order appended to this report, under a suspension of the rules.

Sharp School, Anderson street. — S. F. Frye, $600.

Winchell School, Blossom street. — Ellen Gray, $700; H. H. Gordon, $500.

Baldwin School, Chardon court. — Ida A. Noyes, $700; Mabel Hooper, $500.

64 North Margin street. — Anna Spooner, $600.

Cushman School, Parmenter street. — Anna L. Page, $700; Mary Carter, $500.

39 North Bennet street. — Mary Peabody, $700; Clara L. Hunting, $500; Louise Richards, $350.

Primary School, Hudson street. — Anna M. Small, $700; Emily P. Stodder, $400.

Howe School, Fifth street, South Boston. — Mrs. Emily F. Bethmann, $700; Frieda Bethmann, $500.

Warren Chapel, Warrenton street. — Lucy H. Symonds, $700.

Primary School, Rutland street. — Emma L. Alter, $700; Isabel G. Dame, $400.

147 Ruggles street. — Caroline M. Josslyn, $700; Sally M. Bush, $500.

933 Albany street. — Mary T. Hale, $700; Marion C. Child, $500; Jennie B. Brown, $400.

School-house, Cottage place, Roxbury. — Caroline E. Carr, $700;

Lucile Campbell, $500; Anna E. Marble, $700; Mabel C. Rust, $500.

Starr King School, Tennyson street. — Mary T. Smith, $500; Angie B. Towne, $400.

Ordered, That the nominations of teachers of Kindergartens herein reported be confirmed, and that the salaries of such teachers be fixed for the present school-year at the rate per annum set against the name of each teacher.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Collison offered the following: —

Ordered, That the heartfelt thanks of the School Committee be and they are hereby tendered to Mrs. Pauline A. Shaw, in recognition of the great good done by her to the city of Boston in establishing and maintaining a system of Kindergarten schools, which system, together with the property in the schools, she has now freely transferred to the city of Boston. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Pauline A. Shaw.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Collison, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of the Board transmit to Mrs. Shaw a copy of the above order properly engrossed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, reported the nominations of Annabel G. E. Hope and Hattie I. Davis, instructors in the schools of cookery. Election of instructors of schools of cookery.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order concerning the salary of Mary McSkimmon, third assistant in the Dwight District, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary McSkimmon.

Ordered, That Mary McSkimmon, third assistant in

the Dwight District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 7, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salaries of truant-officers. [See page 60.]

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 13 — an order concerning the salaries of truant-officers, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,800 per annum ; and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Thomas A. Mullen.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that Thomas A. Mullen, junior master in the Boys' Latin School, be placed on the third year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 9, 1887, reported that the request for the increase in salary is based upon the fact that, for four months previous to his appointment as a regular teacher, Mr. Mullen served as temporary junior-master. The Board has never allowed credit, after the appointment of a teacher, for temporary service of less than one year. The committee therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of N. Hosea Whittemore. [See page 92.]

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 8 — an order that N. Hosea Whittemore, master of the Harris School, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his grade, to date from June 1, 1888, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Henry C. Jones.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the salary of Henry C. Jones, junior-master in the Boys'

Latin School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Henry C. Jones, junior-master in the Boys' Latin School be placed upon the sixth year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 7, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Hiram M. George. [See page 72.]

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 27 — an order that Hiram M. George, sub-master in the Tileston District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, to date from April 1, 1888, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Annual School Festival; appropriation for Festival.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, reported that on account of the increase of one hundred dollars in the rent of the Mechanic Building, and the increase in the number of graduates, the committee are of the opinion that the present appropriation will be insufficient to meet the expenses. They therefore request the passage of the following order under a suspension of rules: —

Ordered, That an additional appropriation of one hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses of the Annual School Festival, to be held June 30, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, offered the following: —

Report of Instructor in Hygiene; regulations amended.

Ordered, That Section 328 of the Regulations be amended by substituting the word "October" for the word "May," in the first line.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Reports of resignations and

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended

nominations of school officers and teachers; Rules and Regulations amended.

so as to provide that resignations and nominations of all school officers and instructors shall be submitted to the Board through the Committee on Nominations.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; attendance of pupils other than those of the public schools at the Manual Training Schools. [See page 77.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — April 10 — an order relating to the attendance of pupils other than those of the public schools at the Manual Training Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the subject of permitting pupils not attending the public schools to attend the Manual Training Schools be referred to the Committee on Manual Training Schools, with full powers.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendments to Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, reported that in the revision of the Rules and Regulations a few amendments are necessary. As it is very desirable that the new edition may be ready for distribution in September next, your committee recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules : —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows : —

Insert the following, and number the succeeding sections to conform to the change : —

Section 57. The Committee on Legislative matters are authorized to represent the Board in all matters relating to the public schools coming before the Legislature.

Sect. 83, paragraph 2. Insert the word "grammar" before the word "school," in the first line.

Sect. 107. Strike out the words "by the supply agent," in the second line.

Sect. 108. Strike out the words "and such accounts with the supply agent as may be required for a proper and adequate record of the business done by said supply agent on behalf of the Board."

Insert the following : —

Sect. 174. The printed proceedings of the Board shall be sent

regularly to the principals of schools, who shall consider them official notices of the action of the Board, and shall be governed accordingly.

Sect. 256. Strike out the section.

Sect. 343. Strike out the words "the pupils shall be encouraged to purchase the books required for use; but those who are unable to do so shall be supplied by the city."

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The Chair presented a communication from L. B. Sawyer, engineer of the English High and Latin School building, relative to janitor-service in that building, which was referred to the Committee on Accounts. Communication from L. B. Sawyer; janitor-service English High and Latin School building.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the thirteenth order appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books was taken from the table.

The order is as follows: —

Ordered, That Yaggy's Anatomical Chart be authorized for use in the public schools; and that not more than thirty-seven copies of the chart be purchased this year. Physiological charts. [See page 113.]

Mr. McDonald moved that the order be amended by substituting the words "White's Manikin" for the words "Yaggy's Anatomical Chart."

Passed by a vote of 12 to 5.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the order was further amended by striking out all after the words "public schools."

The Chair ruled that it would require a majority vote to pass the order.

The order, as amended, passed.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the third order appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books was taken from the table.

The order is as follows: —

Text-book in Geometry. [See pp. 111, 124.]

Ordered, That Wells's Geometry be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools in place of Bradbury's Elementary Geometry.

Mr. Swasey moved that the following order be substituted for the order reported by the Committee on Text-Books.

Ordered, That Wells's Geometry be added to the list of text-books authorized for use in the High Schools.

The motion to substitute passed by a vote of 10 to 4.

The Chair ruled that it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was laid on the table.

Text-books in grammar. [See page 112.]

On motion of Mrs. Fifield (a notice having been filed by her in accordance with the rules), the vote whereby the tenth order appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books was declared lost, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Sept. 11, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the Chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Canning, Carrigan, Chapin, Dunn, Elliott, Gallagher, and Walsh.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Roxbury High School. — Dora Williams, assistant, Sept. 5, 1888.

Chapman District. — Augustus H. Kelley, submaster, Sept. 5, 1888.

Eliot District. — Emma C. Keating, second assistant, Primary School, Sept. 1, 1888.

Hyde District. — Maria L. Young, sewing-teacher, Sept. 1, 1888.

Lewis District. — Eunice C. Atwood, first assistant, Sept. 1, 1888; Alice O'Neil, third assistant, Sept. 5, 1888; Florence L. Shedd, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1888.

Lowell District. — Mary E. Very, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1888.

Martin District. — Delia M. Upham, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1888.

Mather District. — Della G. Robinson, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1888; Kate A. Howe, fourth assisttant, Sept. 5, 1888.

Prince District. — Harriet D. Hinckley, first assistant, Sept. 1, 1888; Mary Wilson, third assistant, Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Mary T. Foley, assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

English High School. — James Mahoney, junior-master, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Chapman District. — James Burrier, sub-master, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Gibson District. — Annie C. McFarland, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Harris District. — Bertha F. Cudworth, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Pierce District. — Helen A. Woods, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Normal School.— Dora Williams, second assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Girls' High School. — Isabel P. George, assistant, from Sept. 12, 1888.

Roxbury High School. — Nellie A. Bragg, assistant, second year, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Hyde District.— Margaret A. Kelley, sewing-teacher, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Lewis District. — Alice O'Neil, first assistant;

Blanche L. Ormsby, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Lowell District. — Helen C. Laughlin, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Martin District. — Elinor F. Buckley, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Mather District. — Kate A. Howe, second assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Prince District. — Mary Wilson, first assistant; Clara E. Fairbanks, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Latin School. — George E. Howes, junior-master.

English High School. — Charles P. Lebon, junior-master.

Girls' High School. — Samuel Thurber, master; M. Medora Adams, assistant.

Roxbury High School. — Nathaniel S. French, junior-master; Edith A. Parkhurst, assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Mabel L. Warner, third assistant; Grace J. Freeman, fourth assistant.

Comins District. — Ervinia Thompson, third assistant.

Dillaway District. — Elizabeth M. Blackburn, third assistant.

Harris District. — M. Ella Tuttle, third assistant.

Hillside District. — Elizabeth L. Stodder, third assistant; Mary A. Riordan, fourth assistant.

Pierce District. — Elinor F. Decatur, fourth assistant.

Quincy District. — Mary L. Holland, first assistant; Harriette A. Bettis, second assistant.

Rice District. — Miriam W. Dike, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Resignation of truant-officer.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the resignation of Sumner P. White, truant-officer, to take effect Sept. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Election of a truant-officer.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Truant-Officers, reported the nomination of Frank Hasey, truant-officer, to date from Sept. 1, 1888.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Election of a teacher for school on Spectacle Island.

Ordered, That Nellie M. Howes be appointed special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island from Feb. 1, 1888, to May 1, 1888, and that she receive one hundred dollars for services rendered during that time.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Election of a teacher for school on Spectacle Island.

Ordered, That Carrie E. Trim be appointed special teacher of the school on Spectacle Island from May 1, 1888, and that her salary be at the rate of four hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly, said sum to be in full for all expenses connected with the school, except for books.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Male teachers of day schools allowed to teach in evening schools.

Ordered, That the male teachers of the day schools be allowed to teach in the evening schools during the term of 1888–89.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Nominations, on

the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the evening schools, for the term 1888–89; the term of service of the principals herein nominated to date from Sept. 24, 1888: —

Election of principals of evening schools.

Evening High School. — Isaac F. Paul, head-master.
Bigelow School. — George Oak.
Comins School. — Augustine L. Rafter.
Dearborn School. — Henry B. Hall.
Eliot School. — Harvey L. Boutwell.
Franklin School. — William H. Martin.
Lincoln School. — Alonzo G. Ham.
Lyman School. — William H. Brown.
Phillips School. — John R. Morse.
Quincy School. — Seth P. Smith.
Sherwin School. — Moses Berger.
Warren School. — George G. Pratt.
Warrenton-st. School. — Eber R. Butler.
Wells School. — Charles E. Hussey.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for principals of evening schools.

Ballot for principals of evening schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Murphy, Darling, and Fallon a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13.

The several principals nominated by the committee had each 17 votes, and were accordingly declared elected principals of the several designated evening schools.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Emma W. Kaan.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Ida Collins, substitute.

Penelope G. Hayes.

Comins District. — Penelope G. Hayes, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888.

Louisa D. Gage.

Dearborn District. — Louisa D. Gage, fourth assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888; Mary E. Connor, substitute.

Ella S. Wales.

Gibson District. — Ella S. Wales, second assistant, until Oct. 1, 1888; Annie S. Hayward, substitute.

Abbie L. Baker.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Abbie L. Baker, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888; Esther McGrath, substitute.

Susan A. Dutton.

Lewis District. — Susan A. Dutton, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888; Mary E. Howard, substitute.

Susan E. Chapman.

Lowell District. — Susan E. Chapman, third assistant, until Nov. 1, 1888; Katharine M. Coulahan, substitute.

Lillie A. Hicks.

Mather District. — Lillie A. Hicks, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Margaret H. Manning, substitute.

Georgia D. Barstow.

Wells District. — Georgia D. Barstow, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; M. Elizabeth McGinley, substitute.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Text-book in Latin Schools.

Ordered, That Lodge's Elementary Mechanics be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Laid on the table.

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, presented a new draft of the Rules and Regulations (School Doc. 10, 1888), and offered the following order: —

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools (School Doc. 10, 1888), which involve the expenditure of money, be adopted until otherwise ordered.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools (School Doc. 10, 1888), which do not involve the expenditure of money, be adopted until otherwise ordered.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to introduce the Johnson Heat Regulating apparatus in the Bowdoin and Winchell school-houses.

Johnson Heat Regulating apparatus.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Annual School Festival be authorized to exceed the appropriation granted for that purpose.

Excess of appropriation for Annual School Festival.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, it was

Ordered, That the truant-officers are hereby authorized and required to enforce the laws relating to the employment of children, Chapter 348 of the Acts of 1888.

Truant-officers to enforce law relating to employment of children.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended so as to provide that in the Evening Elementary Schools of seventy-five pupils and more, a male teacher may be appointed with the rank of first assistant.

Rank of teachers in Evening Elementary Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Lasker, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to establish a class in penmanship in the Evening High School for the teachers of the public schools.

Teachers' class in penmanship in Evening High School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

The Chair read the following: —

CAMBRIDGEPORT, Sept. 11, 1888.

Communication from Rev. Geo. S. Chadbourne; removal of Swinton's History.

To the Chairman of the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

DEAR SIR, — At a meeting of the Evangelical Alliance, composed of the clergy and laity of the Protestant churches of Boston and vicinity, a committee was appointed to wait upon your body and lay before it some resolutions passed by the Alliance, and ask of you a hearing of the same. As I am the chairman of that committee, if you will kindly inform me when you can receive us, and give us a hearing on the matters proposed, you will lay me under great obligations. I may further state that the matter on which we would respectfully ask a hearing of your body relates to the recent removal of "Swinton's" text-book from the public schools of the city of Boston.

My address is: —

REV. GEORGE S. CHADBOURNE,
No. 9 Wayland street,
Cambridgeport.

P.S. — Besides myself the committee consists of the Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon, Rev. N. B. Jones, Jr., Rev. J. F. Clymer, and Ezra Farnsworth, Esq.

Mr. O'Grady moved that the communication be laid on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the communication was referred to the Committee on Text-Books, with full powers to give a hearing if they deem it wise.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Committee of One Hundred; Swinton's History.

To the Honorable the School Board of the City of Boston: —

The undersigned, in behalf of the Committee of One Hundred, organized in pursuance of the action of the meetings in Faneuil Hall and Tremont Temple, July 11, respectfully petition your honorable body to reconsider your action in respect to Swinton's History and the removal of Mr. Travis, and, before any further action is taken in the premises, to grant a public hearing upon the question.

CHARLES L. FLINT,
Chairman Special Committee.
A. H. PLUMB,
Secretary.

BOSTON, Sept. 10, 1888.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the communication was referred to the Committee on High Schools, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. O'Grady, it was

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the President, who shall have authority to make all necessary arrangements for a representation of the Boston School System at the International Exhibition in Paris in 1889.

Committee on Paris Exhibition.

The Chair appointed Messrs. O'Grady, Duryea, and Chapin to serve on said committee.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 360 of the Regulations be amended so as to read "Exhibitions shall be held at the end of the term, and diplomas awarded to those who have, in the judgment of the committee and the director of drawing, completed the course creditably. The dates of the exhibitions of the several schools to be arranged by the committee, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the closing of them."

Exhibitions Evening Drawing Schools; amendment of Regulations.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That lines 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Section 68 of the Regulations be amended so as to read "shall recommend to the Committee on Nominations such regularly confirmed substitute teachers as have served acceptably during their period of teaching in the current school year."

Reëlection of teachers; amendment of Rules.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Charles Sumner District.

Additional Grammar School accommodations in the Charles Sumner District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Communication from Rev. Luther Farnham, for use of hall of school-house for religious services.

Mr. Hyde presented a communication from Rev. Luther Farnham, Secretary of the General Theological Library, asking the Board to grant the use of an unoccupied hall in the lower part of the school-house just south of the Forest Hills station, in West Roxbury, for church and Sunday-school services.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses, with full powers.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional school accommodations for two primary classes in the Lowell District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Sidewalk in front of Lucretia Crocker School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a brick sidewalk in front of the Lucretia Crocker School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Master's office, Lyman School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the master's office in the Lyman School-house to be transferred from the third to the second floor of the building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on First Division, offered the following: —

Water-closets and urinals in Lyman School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the water-closets and urinals of the Lyman School-house to be located in the basement, the present ones being condemned.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Darling offered the following: —

Ordered, That Mary E. Abercrombie, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade. Salary of Mary E. Abercrombie.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 25, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Carrigan, Collison, Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Canning, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Girls' High School. — V. Colonna Murray, assistant, Sept. 19, 1888.

Adams District. — Emily H. Sanderson, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1888; Nellie M. Porter, fourth assistant, Sept. 25, 1888.

Dillaway District. — Catherine J. Finneran, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1888; Abby M. Clark, third assistant, Sept. 5, 1888.

Frothingham District. — Julia M. Burbank, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1888.

Gibson District. — Ella S. Wales, second assistant, Oct. 1, 1888.

Hugh O'Brien District. — M. Louise Foster, third assistant, Sept. 11, 1888.

Lowell District.— Susan G. B. Garland, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1888.

Prince District. — Josephine G. Dearborn, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Frank M. McCutchins, third assistant, July 1, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Comins District. — Margaret A. McGuire, from Sept. 10, 1888; Mary F. Riley, from Sept. 14, 1888.

Lowell District. — Lillian S. Hilton, from Sept. 10, 1888.

Mather District. — Edna A. Hill, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior master, from Sept. 10, 1888.

Girls' High School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from Sept. 17, 1888; Lucy C. Eliott, assistant, from Sept. 20 to 25, 1888, inclusive.

Comins District. — Agnes A. Watson, third assistant, from Sept. 14, 1888.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Wilson, third assistant; Emma L. Merrill, fourth assistant; from Sept. 5, 1888.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Lowell District. — Ellen M. Farrell, third assistant, from Sept. 6, 1888.

Prescott District. — Minnie E. Ward, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Katharine J. Keefe, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Normal School. — V. Colonna Murray, second assistant, from Sept. 20, 1888. Election of teachers on probation.

Latin School. — Theodore P. Farr, junior-master, from Sept. 24, 1888.

English High School. — Harry C. Shaw, junior-master, second year, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Girls' High School. — Zéphirine N. Brown, assistant, from Sept. 26, 1888.

West Roxbury High School. — Clarabel Gilman, assistant, from Sept. 12, 1888.

Dillaway District. — Abby M. Clark, second assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Sullivan, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Frothingham District. — Ellen L. Kelley, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Gibson District. — Annie S. Hayward, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Katharine J. Keefe, third assistant, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Lyman District. — Nellie M. Porter, second assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 25, 1888.

Mather District. — Mary M. Clapp, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Prince District. — Minnie R. Leavitt, fourth assistant, second year, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Winthrop District. — Mary A. Reardon, fourth assistant, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

English High School. — Albert P. Walker, junior-master. Confirmation of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Ruth C. Mills, third assistant.

Chapman District. — Nellie F. Holt, fourth assistant.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, second assistant, Primary School.

Emerson District. — Caroline E. Nutter, fourth assistant.

Hyde District. — Caroline M. Bayley, fourth assistant.

Horace Mann School. — Ida H. Adams, assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Lyman District. — Jane A. Soutter, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Adams District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Head Assistants. — Charles L. Adams, Anson K. Cross, Henry K. Burrison, Albert H. Munsell.

Assistants. — Annie E. Blake, Emma W. Bragdon, Wallace Bryant, John L. Frisbee, Herbert W. Adams, Ralph W. Allen, Florence Cleaves, Frank S. Mason, Anna K. Blaisdell, W. Bertha Hintz, Edward R. Kingsbury, Abbie E. Rice, Alice M. Spaulding, Albert L. Ware, William L. Judkins, Thomas E. Sweeney.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Normal School. — Annie E. Chace, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; W. Bertha Hintz, substitute. Annie E. Chace.

Comins District. — Mary E. Very, substitute for Penelope G. Hayes, third assistant, granted leave of absence. Mary E. Very, substitute.

Dillaway District. — Mary S. Sprague, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888; Alice E. Robinson, substitute. Mary S. Sprague.

Emerson District. — Bernice A. De Merritt, second assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888; Fannie Rogers, substitute. Bernice A. De Merritt.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Lovering, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; James W. Webster, substitute. Mary A. Lovering.

Elizabeth A. Prichard, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Agnes A. Herlihy, substitute. Elizabeth A. Prichard.

Quincy District. — Ida H. Davis, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888. Ida H. Davis.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Anderson's New General History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools; provided that satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies. Anderson's New General History.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the National Music Course (revised edition) be authorized for use as text-books in the Grammar and Primary Schools, provided that the terms of the exchange of books be satisfactory to the Committee on Supplies. National Music Course; Revised edition.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Blake moved that the whole subject of changes in text-books in music be specially assigned to eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Lost, by a vote of six to twelve.

Normal Music Course. [See pp. 101, 114, 117.]

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the following order, appended to the report of the Committee on Text-Books, presented June 12, 1888, was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That the Normal Music Course be authorized for use in the Rice Training School, and in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the third and sixth divisions.

The order was lost, by a vote of 14 to 2, the chair ruling that it would require 16 votes to pass the order.

Reconsideration.

Subsequently Mr. Canning gave notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the vote, whereby the order was declared lost, at the next meeting.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of James E. Thomas.

Ordered, That James E. Thomas, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the third year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Text-Books; communication from Rev. George S. Chadbourne; removal of Swinton's History. [See p. 142.]

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, submitted the following report: —

In making their report on the petition of the Evangelical Alliance of the City of Boston, asking that Swinton's Outlines of the World's History be restored to the list of text-books to be used in the schools, the committee deem it proper to make the following statement: —

On May 8, 1888, Rev. Theodore A. Metcalf, Rector of Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston, made complaint to this Board that Mr. Charles B. Travis, of the English High School, in the course of his instructions in history, had made incorrect statements concerning the doctrine and practice of indulgences as maintained by the Catholic Church, and asked for a remedy.

The request was referred to the Committee on High Schools. This committee found, on investigation, that the complaint was well grounded, inasmuch as the statements made by Mr. Travis were such as had been described, and resolved to apply a remedy.

Meanwhile, members of the High School Committee called the attention of this committee to the statements of the author of the text-book upon the subject of indulgences. These are contained in a paragraph of the text, and a note at the bottom of the page. This

note is indefinite. It should have been omitted, or made explicit. It is misleading. In a text-book, which is an outline, a guide to the teacher and pupil, every statement should be clear, definite, and accurate. For the teacher is entitled to take it as it is, if he be disposed, as containing a warrant of his exposition, expanding and illustrating from his memory according to his impressions or opinions, inasmuch as the book is in his hands by the authority of the Board. In the present instance the teacher appears to have done this, and to have taught that an indulgence "is a permission to commit sin." This is not, and never was, true. It is true that it has been so represented, as the note affirms; but it should add, when, where, and by whom, and definitely. It certainly never was by any duly recognized authority in the Catholic Church.

The attention of the agent of the publishers was called to the defective character of the note. The committee is credibly informed that the publishers themselves were advised by a Protestant scholar, than whom, perhaps, no other in this country has more weight of authority, that the note could not be approved as sufficiently explicit. More than a year ago the School Board of a neighboring city asked that it might be amended. Ample opportunity was given for promise or action insuring a correction. This failing, the committee recommended that the book be dropped from the list. The Board so ordered.

It should be unnecessary for the committee to add that they acted in this matter carefully, in view of the facts presented and the interests involved, deliberately according to their own judgment, and in the exercise of their free will, without solicitation, persuasion, dictation, or intimidation from any person. So far as they are able, it is their purpose to provide that whatever is taught in the schools shall be true, and that the spirit of the teaching shall be fair and just to all classes of the people whose children are intrusted to their care.

The Board has been asked, by a petition from members of the Evangelical Alliance, to reverse its decision and restore the book to the list. By reference this request has been considered by the committee, and a hearing has been given to the representatives of the Evangelical Alliance. In the judgment of the committee, no reasons have been presented, which should determine the Board to change its action.

The reasons assigned are as follows: —

1. "The book . . . has in its favor ten years of public indorsement and use. It has had a long and honorable tenure in our public schools."

To retain books in the schools on this ground would be to resist

all improvement in the quality of text-books, and deprive the pupils of the benefit of progress in the provision of new matter and better forms of instruction.

2. "The paragraph and foot-note, on account of which the book has been ejected, contain a true statement of history."

They do not contain an ample and definite statement of the topic concerning which complaint has been justly made, to the effect that it was incorrectly taught.

3. "The book ejected is upon the expurgatory list of books of a certain religious sect."

The committee were not aware of this fact; it did not enter into the grounds or affect the motives of their action.

But it is added: "For this committee of free citizens to put its expurgatorial stamp upon the book, for the reasons alleged, is for it to ally itself with that religious sect."

In the judgment of your committee, the course of action they have recommended was in the direct line of their steadfast purpose, not to ally themselves either with or against any religious sect whatever.

Quoted from "Instructions to Catholics," by Rev. Xavier Donald Macleod. Boston: Murphy McCarthy.

"By an indulgence is meant the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven. Every sin, however grievous, is remitted through the sacrament of penance, or by an act of perfect contrition, as regards its guilt and the eternal punishment due to it. But the debt of temporal punishment is not always remitted at the same time. The latter is done away with by deep penitence, or by works of satisfaction, *e.g.*, prayers, alms, fasting, etc., or by patient endurance of troubles and adversities sent us by God, or by the satisfaction of our Lord Jesus Christ and the saints applied to us by the church under certain conditions, which application we call an indulgence.

"An indulgence, then, is not a pardon for sin, because sin must be remitted before an indulgence can be gained. Much less is it a permission to commit sin . . . for even God himself could not give such permission."

"In order to gain any indulgence whatever you must be in a state of grace."

The committee, therefore, recommended the following order.

JOHN G. BLAKE,
JOSEPH T. DURYEA,
JOSEPH D. FALLON.

Ordered, That the School Committee have given careful consideration to your petitions and to the reasons presented by your representatives as the grounds on which it is based, and respectfully reply to the same: That they are not able to grant the request. They have found no cause to change their judgment that the action taken with respect to the "Outlines of the World's History," in view of their whole responsibility and all the interests committed to their charge, and all the circumstances, was just.

The report was unanimously accepted.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, the yeas and nays were ordered on the passage of the order.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Messrs. Blake, Canning, Dunn, Duryea, Fallon, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, and Walsh. — 14.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings.

Communication from City Council; Kindergartens in East Boston. [See page 87.]

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the communication from the City Council, relative to the establishment of Kindergartens in East Boston, was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Kindergartens.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Establishment of Kindergartens.

Ordered, That Kindergartens be established in the Rice District and in the Mather District.

Mrs. Fifield, from the same committee, offered the following: —

Salaries of instructors of Kindergartens.

Ordered, That the salaries of the following Kindergarten teachers, for the present year, be fixed at the sums named per annum, to date from Sept. 5, 1888: Emily P. Stodder, $450; Jennie B. Brown, $450; Mary T. Smith, $700; Angie B. Towne, $500.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Manual Training Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Hattie I. Davis.

Ordered, That Hattie I. Davis, instructor in the

schools of cookery, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Annabel G. E. Hope.

Ordered, That Annabel G. E. Hope, instructor in the schools of cookery, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Accommodations for evening school in Eliot School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have Rooms 9 and 11 in the Eliot School-house fitted up for the accommodation of evening-school pupils, by causing said rooms to be piped for gas, and pigeon-holes for the reception of school-books to be made in the dressing-rooms connected with said rooms.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Course of study, Normal School; amendment of Regulations. [See pp. 86, 124, 125.]

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the following order, proposing an amendment to the Regulations concerning the course of study in the Normal School, was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Section 290 (present Section 295) of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "The course of study in this school shall be for a year and a half."

On motion of Mr. O'Grady, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Blake, Duryea, Grainger, McDonald, Murphy, and Walsh. — 8.

Nays: Messrs. Canning, Dunn, Fallon, and O'Grady. — 4.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to reserve, for a future school-building, the lot of land now belonging to the city, on the corner of Norfolk and Morton streets, as, in the opinion of the Division Committee, it will in a few years be needed for such purpose.

Lot for school-house in Dorchester.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. McDonald offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 98, paragraph 3, of the Regulations, be amended by inserting after the words "complement of teachers," in the fifth line, the words "one teacher shall be allowed for forty pupils in the first class."

Number of pupils to a teacher in first class of Grammar Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Canning offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to introduce gas into the basement of the Joshua Bates School-building, for the janitor.

Gas in basement of Joshua Bates School-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 221 of the Regulations be amended by adding to the ninth line, "and administered only at the close of the session."

Corporal punishment; amendment of Regulations.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Grainger, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Fannie M. Morris, third assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888.

Salary of Fannie M. Morris,

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Oct. 9, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Carrigan, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, and Lasker.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the records of the last meeting were amended by inserting on page 157, before the words "On motion of Dr. Blake," the words "Referred to the Committee on Salaries." Minutes amended.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed and amended.

Mr. Collison made the statement that, if he had been present at the last meeting of the Board, he would have voted for the adoption of the report of the Committee on Text-Books on the petition of the Evangelical Alliance with regard to Swinton's History, and would have voted "Yes" on the adoption of the order appended to said report. By the unanimous consent of the Board the secretary was directed to enter this statement upon the records. Personal statement of Mr. Collison.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Allston District. — Alexander Pearson, first assistant; Marion Keith, second assistant; Emma F. Martin, fourth assistant; Sept. 5, 1888. Resignation of teachers.

Bennett District. — Fannie Potter, second assistant; Lillian M. Towne, third assistant; Oct. 1, 1888.

Bigelow District. — Tiley A. Bolkcom, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1888.

Dillaway District. — Annie J. Whelton, fourth assistant, Sept. 7, 1888.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Susie C. Hosmer, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1888.

Gibson District. — Fidelia A. Adams, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1888.

Phillips District. — Florida Y. Ruffin, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1888.

Norcross District. — Harriet E. Johnston, third assistant, Sept. 8, 1888.

Quincy District. — Charlotte L. Wheelwright, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Charles Sumner District. — Celia B. Hallstrom, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Franklin District. — Bertha Peirce, from Oct. 1, 1888; Eva M. Cotton, from Oct. 8, 1888.

Martin District. — Kate L. Pierce, from Oct. 2, 1888.

Phillips District. — Matilda F. Bibbey, from Sept. 24, 1888.

Stoughton District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Mabel F. A. Woodbury, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Dillaway District. — Katharine L. Campbell, fourth assistant, from Sept. 7, 1888.

Dor.-Everett District. — Anna E. Lanning, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, third assistant, from Sept. 11 to 26, 1888.

Lincoln District. — Mary F. O'Brien, third assistant, from Sept. 5 to Oct. 5, 1888, inclusive.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary C. Moller, fourth assistant, from Oct. 2, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Roome, third assistant, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Winthrop District. — Emily H. Osborne, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Allston District. — Alexander Pearson, sub-master; Marion Keith, first assistant; Emma F. Martin, second assistant, Primary School; from Sept. 5, 1888.

Bennett District. — Lillian M. Towne, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Charles Sumner District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from Oct. 2, 1888; Kate F. Hobart, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Gaston District. — Isabella J. Murray, third assistant, from Oct. 10, 1888; Florence K. Manson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Gibson District. — Fidelia A. Adams, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Nellie S. Henry, third assistant.

Dearborn District. — Lily B. Atherton, first assistant.

Gaston District. — Margaret Cunningham, third assistant.

Horace Mann School. — Sallie B. Tripp, assistant.

Lawrence District. — George S. Houghton, submaster.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Dudley District. — Helen C. Mills, third assistant, to the same position in the Dillaway District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Election of instructors of Kindergartens.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations of instructors in Kindergartens, on probation: —

Field's-Corner School. — Grace H. Mather, from Oct. 15, 1888.

Appleton-street School. — Mary E. Lombard, from Oct. 15, 1888.

Accepted.

Election of instructors of Evening Schools.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following nominations of assistants in the Evening High and the Evening Elementary Schools, for the term of 1888–89: —

Evening High School. — Albert Poor, Arthur B. Morong, Thomas Dean, William H. Moriarty, Manson Seavy, Charles E. Stetson, Sylvester Brown, John C. Ryder, Benjamin Tenney, Emil C. Pfeiffer, Maurice P. White, Lewis H. Dutton, from Sept. 24, 1888; Edward A. Wilkie, from Oct. 1, 1888; John Vaughn, from

Oct. 2, 1888; Frank M. Copeland, Frederic W. Elliott, William H. Knight, from Oct. 8, 1888; *Instructor of German.* — John F. Stein, from Oct. 1, 1888; *Instructors of French.* — Carl Jonsen, Henri Morand, from Oct. 1, 1888; *Instructors of Phonography.* — Thornton D. Apollonio, from Oct. 1, 1888; C. Howard Montague, from Oct. 2, 1888; *Instructors of Penmanship.* — Charles A. French, Arthur T. Whittemore, from Oct. 1, 1888; Henry C. Kendall, from Oct. 8, 1888; Thomas J. Barry, clerk, from Sept. 24, 1888.

Bigelow School. — John D. Philbrick, Mary Currie, Winifred M. Clarkson, from Sept. 24, 1888; Ida M. Condon, Mary F. O'Brien, Isabella J. Murray, from Sept. 26, 1888; Mary L. Hennessy, Agnes G. Gilfether, Florence E. Neill, Rose A. Carrigan, from Sept. 27, 1888.

Comins School. — Leonard G. Roberts, John J. Moran, Sylvia A. Richards, from Sept. 24, 1888; Ellen M. Farrell, from Sept. 25, 1888; Katherine L. Campbell, Elizabeth F. Pinkham, Margaret A. McGuire, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Dearborn School. — John S. Richardson, from Sept. 24, 1888; Emma L. Merrill, Julia F. Holland, Martha T. O'Hea, from Sept. 26, 1888; Rose A. Mohan, from Oct. 1, 1888; Cecilia A. Kelley, from Oct. 8, 1888.

Eliot School. — Daniel J. Mullen, Margaret Coyle, Sidney E. Bailey, M. Elizabeth McGinley, from Sept. 24, 1888; Mary L. Lewis, Matilda J. Kennemon, from Sept. 27, 1888; Catherine J. Cunningham, from Oct. 1, 1888; Alice M. Smith, Jane C. Levi, Annie E. Smith, from Oct. 3, 1888.

Franklin School. — George B. Buffington, Frances

V. Keyes, Persis E. King, Clarence P. Coburn, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, James Burrier, from Sept. 24, 1888; Fanny L. Rogers, from Sept. 26, 1888; Esther E. McGrath, Sara Mock, from Sept. 27, 1888; Helena F. Leary, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Lincoln School. — S. Josephine Lavery, Bertha Peirce, Evelyn Condon, from Sept. 24, 1888; George S. Houghton, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Lyman School. — William A. Lenihan, Martha S. Harding, from Sept. 24, 1888; Jessie C. Fraser, Emma M. Bates, Mary A. D. McLean, Mary E. Thompson, Ellen S. Bloomfield, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Phillips School. — Elizabeth N. Smith, Sarah E. Stumpf, from Sept. 24, 1888; John E. Butler, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Quincy School. — Augustus E. Marden, John O'Driscoll, Mary P. Howland, Kate V. Tiernay, Mary E. Very, Elizabeth G. Desmond, from Sept. 24, 1888.

Sherwin School. — George R. Keene, Jennie E. Hintz, from Sept. 24, 1888.

Warren School. — Benson B. Banker, Lucy M. Bosworth, Emma S. Fisk, Mary A. Mahan, Katharine A. McMahon, Agnes A. Herlihy, Emma L. Mitchell, from Sept. 24, 1888; Henrietta Thompson, from Sept. 25, 1888; Emeline W. Ripley, from Sept. 26, 1888; Theresa G. Power, Theresa E. Hayes, from Sept. 28, 1888; Margaret D. Mitchell, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Warenton-street School. — William W. Locke, from Sept. 26, 1888; John L. Emmons, from Sept. 27, 1888.

Wells School. — Alanson H. Mayers, Ernest W. Branch, Mary W. Perry, Angie C. Damon, from Sept. 24, 1888; Katharine A. Burns, Almira Bixby, from Sept. 26, 1888; Mary A. Higgins, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Eliot District.— Cleone G. Tewksbury, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; J. Gertrude Mulloney, substitute. J. Ida Munroe, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Sylvia A. Richards, substitute.

Cleone G. Tewksbury.

J. Ida Munroe.

Hudson-street Kindergarten. — Anna M. Small, instructor, until Jan. 1, 1889; Marian T. Morse, substitute.

Anna M. Small.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Lena LeV. Dutton, substitute.

J. Annie Bense.

Sherwin District. — Louise Ayer, third assistant, until Dec. 1, 1888; Minna B. Noyes, substitute.

Louise Ayer.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, submitted the following report: —

Report of Committee on High Schools; petition of Committee of One Hundred relative to Swinton's History and Mr. Travis. [See p. 142.]

In School Committee, Boston, Oct. 9, 1888.

The Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred, September 11, the communication in behalf of the Committee of One Hundred, asking that the Board reconsider its action in respect to Swinton's History and the removal of Mr. Travis, and grant a public hearing upon the question, has heard the petitioners, considered the reasons urged by them for their request, and submits the following report: —

The complaint against Mr. Travis was made by Rev. Theodore A. Metcalf in a letter addressed to the School Board, dated May 8, 1888. The charges were, (1) that Mr. Travis, in his capacity as teacher of history, "has trespassed on the forbidden ground of religion, and made statements which are an outrage to Catholics, in his endeavor to explain a question of Catholic doctrine;" and (2) that his "object" was "to throw contempt upon the Catholic boys who endeavored to defend their religion from calumny and insult."

In support of these charges the complainant gives sundry statements said to have been made by Mr. Travis before his class, in reply to a pupil's question, "What is an indulgence?" The testimony of boys is offered to prove that the statements were made by Mr. Travis as alleged.

In his answer to these charges, Mr. Travis, after making a quotation from the authorized text-book relative to indulgences, says "It was to elucidate this that the illustrations were given. The statements made were never put in such a way as to throw ridicule or contempt upon any boy or upon any religion, and the boy or man who says they were so given failed to understand either my language or instruction." (Letter of Mr. Travis to Committee on High Schools, dated May 10, 1888.)

This language clearly implies an admission on Mr. Travis' part that he did make the statements attributed to him in the complaint. He pleads merely (1) that the statements were made for a certain purpose, and (2) that the manner in which the statements were put was not such as to throw ridicule or contempt upon any boy or upon any religion.

At the hearing given on May 22, by the Committee on High Schools, Rev. Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Travis both being present, the former explained how the facts stated in his letter of May 8 had come to his knowledge, and pointed out wherein the definition and illustrations thereof given by Mr. Travis were objectionable, and also wherein the text-book was misleading on the question of doctrine. Mr. Travis did not deny having used the language attributed to him, although he suggested some doubts as to the entire accuracy of the boys who had reported on his instruction. He declared that he stood upon his letter of May 10, containing his answer to the charges, and that he wished to add nothing to this, nor to change it in any wise.

There was no need, then, to hear the testimony of boys. The facts alleged in support of the charges were admitted; and it only remained to consider whether the facts sustained the charges. Were the definitions and illustrations, admitted to have been used, justly offensive to the people of any religious denomination? Did Mr. Travis transgress the limits which a teacher of history in a public school ought to observe? Was it his object to throw ridicule or contempt upon any boy or boys, or upon their religion?

While these questions were under consideration the members of your committee learned that the matter of indulgences was again before Mr. Travis' pupils, this time in a written examination upon the ground gone over by the class during the month of May. Among the ten questions to be answered were the following: —

"5. What was the fountain from which Protestantism sprang?"

"6. What was the thing sold by Tetzel as an indulgence, according to Swinton?"

The boys' answers to these questions, which have been in the possession of this committee since June 15, throw light on the character

of the teaching. Notwithstanding the guarded form in which the sixth question is put, the answers take quite a free range in illustration. They reveal in the minds of most of the boys erroneous, and frequently even grotesque, notions concerning the doctrine of indulgence and the abuses connected with it in Tetzel's time. If it be fair to judge of teaching by its results, as displayed in examination papers, the judgment in this case must be that the teaching was deficient in that scholarly discrimination, that fairness and fulness of statement, and that freedom from current prejudices, which are most desirable in any teacher of history, but in a public-school teacher absolutely indispensable. The papers abound in absurd illustrations and gross misconceptions, from which it would seem the writers might have been saved by even moderate diligence in the consultation of the ordinarily accessible authorities.

Your committee matured its report and submitted it to the School Board on the 19th of June. This report finds that Mr. Travis did use the definitions and illustrations attributed to him, and most strongly condemns such instruction. The committee did not, however, impute to Mr. Travis the unworthy motive he had been charged with, namely, a desire to throw ridicule or contempt upon any boys or upon their religion; but preferred to suppose he had erred through unconsciously entertained prejudice or through a lack of information.

In deciding on its action in this case, your committee had regard to Mr. Travis' long service in the English High School, and determined to save him from all personal loss or harm. Yet it seemed necessary to emphasize the need of greater caution in dealing with the history of religious controversies, and to provide some safeguard against a repetition of such objectionable instruction as had been given. Mr. Travis was therefore given ancient instead of mediæval history to teach. His rank, salary, and position in the school were untouched; he continues to be as he has been, a teacher of English and History. If this be regarded as a penalty, it is the lightest penalty that could be devised; if as implying censure, the answer is that some censure was deserved. But the action taken is not necessarily either a penalty or a censure; it is simply a measure of precaution which the committee felt in duty bound to take. Less could not wisely have been done than was done, and no good reason appears for undoing this.

As to the text-book, — "Swinton's Outlines of the World's History," — it seems unnecessary for this committee to make any recommendation at the present time, this matter having been disposed of at the last meeting of the Board.

Your committee recommend the passage of the following order.

JOHN G. BLAKE,
WM. C. WILLIAMSON,
JOS. D. FALLON,
THOMAS O'GRADY, Jr.

Ordered, That the petitioners be respectfully informed that the School Committee, having considered their petition and granted the hearing requested therein, is unable to see any good reason for reconsidering its action.

Accepted, and the order passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Anderson's New General History. [See p. 151.]

Ordered, That Anderson's New General History be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools, provided that satisfactory terms may be made by the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Chapin moved to amend the order by substituting "Swinton's Outlines of History" for "Anderson's New General History."

Lost.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Messrs. Blake, Canning, Collison, Darling, Dunn, Duryea, Fallon, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, Swasey, and Walsh. — 16.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Mr. Chapin. — 3.

Absent, or not voting: Messrs. Carrigan, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, and Lasker.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

Strang's English Lessons.

Ordered, That Strang's English Lessons be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Lodge's Elementary Mechanics be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Lodge's Elementary Mechanics. [See p. 140.]

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That the National Music Course (revised edition) be authorized for use as text-books in the Grammar and Primary Schools, provided that the terms of the exchange of books be satisfactory to the Committee on Supplies.

National Music Course, revised edition. [See p. 151.]

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the order was referred to the Committee on Music.

On motion of Mr. Canning, the vote whereby the following order was declared lost at the last meeting of the Board was reconsidered.

Normal Music Course. [See pp. 101, 114, 117, 152.]

Ordered, That the Normal Music Course be authorized for use in the Rice Training School and in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the third and sixth divisions.

Mr. Blake moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Yeas and nays.

The order passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: The President, Mrs. Fifield, Miss Hastings, Messrs. Blake, Canning, Chapin, Darling, Dunn, Duryea, Fallon, Grainger, Griffin, Hall, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, Swasey, and Walsh. — 18.

Nays: None.

Absent or not voting: Messrs. Carrigan, Collison, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, and Lasker.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Hattie I. Davis. [See p. 155.]

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 25 — an order concerning the salary of Hattie I. Davis, instructor in the schools of cookery, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Hattie I. Davis, instructor in the schools of cookery, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Mary E. Abercrombie. [See p. 145.]

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order concerning the salary of Mary E. Abercrombie, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Mary E. Abercrombie, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 3, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Annabel G. E. Hope. [See p. 156.]

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 25 — an order concerning the salary of Annabel G. E. Hope, instructor in the schools of cookery, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Annabel G. E. Hope, instructor in the schools of cookery, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salaries of Fannie A. Foster and Elizabeth B. Norton.

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 22 — orders that Fannie A. Foster and Elizabeth B. Norton, second assistants, Primary Schools, in the Harvard and Bunker Hill Districts, respectively, be placed upon the maximum salary of their grades, reported that it is the practice of the Board when teachers are promoted to a higher rank to place them upon the minimum salary of that rank. This principle has guided

this committee in its consideration of similar cases. Your committee see no reason to set aside the custom, and recommends that the orders ought not to pass.

On motion of Mr. McDonald, the report was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Wells's Geometry be added to the list of text-books authorized for use in the High Schools.

Wells's Geometry. [See pp. 99, 111, 124, 134.]

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Tweed's Grammar for Common Schools be authorized for use as a text-book in the first and second classes of the Grammar Schools, in place of Swinton's New Language Lessons.

Text-books in grammar. [See pp. 100, 112, 113, 134.]

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Bradbury's Elementary Geometry be authorized for use as a text-book in the Evening High School.

Bradbury's Elementary Geometry. [See pp. 100, 111.]

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, it was

Ordered, That the clerk of the School Board be requested to report to the Board a list of non-resident instructors of the Boston Public Schools who are receiving salaries from the City of Boston, the amounts of their salaries, and their places of residence at the time of their appointments.

List of non-resident teachers.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Temporary sub-master in Stoughton District.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Ninth Division be authorized to appoint a temporary sub-master in the Stoughton District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on School Houses; communication from Rev. Luther Farnham for use of hall of school-house for religious purposes. [See p. 144.]

Mr. Walsh, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred, with full powers, — Sept. 11, — the communication from Rev. Luther Farnham asking that the use of an unoccupied hall in a school-house in West Roxbury be granted for religious purposes, reported that in their judgment the Board only should act upon so important a matter. Your committee report the matter back to the Board without recommendation.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the communication of Mr. Farnham was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional Grammar-School accommodations in Charles Sumner District. [See p. 143.]

Mr. Walsh, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order concerning additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Charles Sumner District, reported that the matter has been attended to, and no further action of the Board is needed.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; remodelling of old Minot School-house. [See p. 28.]

Mr. Walsh, for the same committee, to whom was referred, with full powers, — Feb. 14, — an order relative to remodelling of the old Minot School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the old Minot School-house to be repaired and remodelled.

Accepted and the order passed.

Reprt of Committee on School Houses; tablet for Agassiz School-house.] [See p. 120.]

Mr. Walsh, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 12 — an order concerning a tablet for the Agassiz School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place a suitable tablet on the Agassiz School-house.

Accepted and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to give their immediate attention to the order passed by the School Committee, Jan. 12, 1888, for a new Grammar School-house for the Pierce District; the necessity for the building being most urgent.

New Grammar School-house for Pierce District. [See p. 11.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School Houses be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board on the order referred to that committee Jan. 24, 1888, concerning a new Primary School-house in the Lowell District.

New Primary School-house in the Lowell District. [See p. 19.]

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — May 22 — a petition from citizens of Charlestown for the establishment of an Evening High School in that section of the city, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Evening Schools; petition for an Evening High School in Charlestown. [See p. 102.]

Ordered, That a branch Evening High School be opened in Charlestown, provided a sufficient number of pupils pledge their attendance.

Accepted and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to introduce gas into two class-rooms of the Charlestown High School.

Gas in Charlestown High School.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to fit up two rooms in the Hancock School-house for evening-school purposes.

Rooms in Hancock School-house to be fitted for Evening School.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of the clerk of the Evening High School be at the rate of four dollars per night, to date from Sept. 24, 1888; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Election of special teacher of penmanship, Evening High School.

Ordered, That Leon M. Wallace be appointed special teacher of penmanship in the Evening High School, at a salary of two dollars per evening; the term of service to begin Oct. 1, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Primary-School accommodations in Lowell District. [See pp. 19, 73, 85.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Lowell District, at the earliest possible moment.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Salaries of teachers of Kindergartens.

Ordered, That the salary of Mary E. Lombard, instructor in Kindergarten, be fixed at the rate of $700 per annum; and that the salary of Grace H. Mather, instructor in Kindergarten, be fixed at the rate of $500 per annum; to date from Oct. 15, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual report of Committee on Sewing.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, presented the following annual report of that committee: —

This department of instruction has been continued without change of method, under the care of the special committee, and is each year more thoroughly appreciated by pupils, teachers, and parents. This

is shown in the great increase of interest manifested in the "Visiting Day," where the exhibition of completed articles is a strong incentive to good work, and in the growing desire of both scholars and teachers to continue the instruction in the upper classes. This is allowed in some of the schools exclusively for girls, and the committee this year granted the same permission to the Andrew School. The corps of teachers now numbers thirty, and many of them have been a long time in the service.

It is with sincere regret that the committee records the enforced resignation of Miss Maria L. Young, the able teacher at the Hyde School. The position has been filled by Miss Kelley, who satisfactorily acted as substitute during the incumbent's long-continued illness.

The teachers are, as a rule, earnest and painstaking, and the instruction thorough and practical. The prepared work, supplied to the children from home, does not always allow the most regular and systematic advancement, but any reliance upon the city for material has been deprecated by the committee as tending to lessen in many ways the good results of the system. Less difficulty is now experienced than formerly, as most teachers keep on hand a supply of fitted work, and parents are more ready to respond to the requirements. Quite as much is accomplished in this branch as can be expected in the limited time allotted to it, and no part of school-work is more satisfactory in its immediate results.

EMILY A. FIFIELD,
Chairman.

Accepted.

Mr. Swasey offered the following: —

Ordered, That the children of the Jewish persuasion who attend the public schools shall be exempt, if they so wish, from attending school on the days of the Jewish festivals.

Attendance at school of Jewish children on days of Jewish festivals.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Canning, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 23, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the roll was called, and the following-named members answered to their names: — Roll called.

The President, Mrs. Fifield, Messrs. Canning, Chapin, Dunn, Fallon, Griffin, Lasker, McDonald, Murphy, O'Grady, and Walsh. Members present.

A quorum not being present, the President declared the Board adjourned. No quorum.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 10, 1888.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 12 o'clock M., the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Elliott, Gallagher, Griffin, Hall, Hyde, and Walsh.

The Chair, in a brief and tender address, announced the death of Mr. Edward C. Carrigan, late a member of the School Board.

Mr. Duryea presented the following resolutions: —

Resolutions on death of Mr. Edward C. Carrigan.

It is with feelings of great sadness that the Board is called together by the announcement of the sudden decease of one of its members, Mr. Edward C. Carrigan.

Cut off in the prime of life, and when he was entering upon a period of especial usefulness, it is pleasant for his friends to remember that his previous record is abundant in good deeds and public benefits. Mr. Carrigan determined to get an education, and with that indomitable courage and perseverance which have been so prominent during his life, he surmounted all obstacles and prepared himself for admission to Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1877. Soon after his graduation he entered the service of the City of Boston as principal of one of the evening elementary schools. His valuable and successful work attracted the attention of the Board, and he was placed at the head of the Evening High School in 1881, where he remained until his retirement in 1886. The Board has placed upon its

records its full appreciation of his faithful and valuable services in the evening schools.

While preparing himself for the legal profession much of his time and energy was given to the cause of education. His services as a member of the State Board of Education have been recognized, and have been earnest and fruitful. Though a member of the School Board but a short time, yet he had already entered upon his work with that characteristic vigor and devotion which left no doubt that his whole duty would be faithfully performed. He has given his time, thought, and strength to the advancement of our public schools. No task was too difficult which would result to the advantage of teachers and schools.

His genial and generous nature promptly responded to every appeal for assistance and advice. Those who knew him in his early life speak in the strongest terms of his earnestness in every undertaking, his generous and sympathetic impulses, his cheerfulness, and his warm friendship. We who have known him later in life bear testimony that these traits of character strengthened and broadened with his life.

He gave himself heartily and wholly to the cause of others, and no sacrifice was too great to prevent his giving his time and strength where good might be done, or where the cause of education might be advanced. Determined and persistent in his opinions and in the cause he advocated, he aimed at what he felt was just and right and for the best interests of the people.

We shall sensibly miss his genial presence, his courteous and manly bearing in this Board.

We extend to his sorrowing relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

We recommend that this expression of our regard for

our departed friend be entered in full upon the records of the Board; that a copy be sent to the brother of the deceased; that the desk lately occupied by Mr. Carrigan be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days; and that a committee of three be appointed to attend the funeral of our late associate.

The resolutions were seconded by Mr. Dunn, and appropriate remarks were made by Messrs. Collison, Murphy, Lasker, Darling, Swasey, and Blake.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Committee to attend funeral of Mr. Carrigan.

The Chair appointed the following committee to attend the funeral of Mr. Carrigan: Messrs. Duryea, Darling, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Swasey, the President was added to the committee.

The following communication was received: —

Communication from Hon. Charles T. Gallagher.

BOSTON, NOV. 10, 1888.

WM. C. WILLIAMSON, Esq., *President, etc.*: —

MY DEAR SIR,—I am sincerely sorry that absence from the State will prevent me from being present at the meeting of the School Board to take action on the sad and sudden death of our dear friend Carrigan. From a long and intimate acquaintance in matters educational and professional, I had learned to love that earnest, manly zeal that he showed in all his work. and to appreciate the sincerity of a friendship that made him beloved by all who knew him. With sincere regrets at my inability to be with you, I remain to you and to the Board,

Yours very sincerely,

CHAS. T. GALLAGHER.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 13, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Elliott, Gallagher, Hall, and Hyde.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the three preceding meetings was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Dwight District. — Ella Bradley, second assistant, Primary School, Nov. 1, 1888.

Eliot District. — Benjamin Tenney, sub-master, Nov. 1, 1888; Flora F. Joslin, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1888.

Harvard District. — Annie F. Childs, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1888.

Phillips District. — Elizabeth S. Parker, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1888.

Evening Drawing School. — Albert L. Ware, assistant, Oct. 15, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Franklin District. — Minnie B. Lincoln, from Nov. 5, 1888.

Hancock District. — Mary A. Mahan, from Oct. 15, 1888.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, from Oct. 8, 1888.

Phillips District. — Mary F. McDonald, from Nov. 1, 1888.

Quincy District. — Mary N. Valentine, from Nov. 12, 1888.

Wells District. — Anna M. Keough, from Nov. 9, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — John Vaughan, junior-master, from Sept. 26, 1888.

Chapman District. — H. Adelaide Sullivan, fourth assistant, from Nov. 14, 1888.

Dearborn District. — Helen Doherty, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1888.

Dwight District. — Sarah Mock, fourth assistant, from Oct. 29, 1888.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888; Anna M. Keough, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Gaston District. — Bessie H. Chapin, third assistant, from Sept. 5 to Oct. 15, 1888, inclusive.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, third assistant, from Sept. 17, 1888.

Hugh O'Brien District. — Isabella L. Bissett, third assistant, from Sept. 11 to 28, 1888, inclusive; Isabella L. Bissett, fourth assistant, from Oct. 22, 1888.

Lewis District. — Grace M. Clark, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Lowell District. — Lillian S. Hilton, fourth assistant, from Oct. 16, 1888.

Norcross District. — Annie S. McKissick, third assistant, from Sept. 5 to Oct. 26, 1888, inclusive.

Quincy District. — Angie C. Damon, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Charles C. Haines, sub-master, from Oct. 15, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Bigelow District. — Ida M. Condon, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Chapman District. — James Burrier, sub-master, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Dillaway District. — Agnes A. Watson, fourth assistant, from Nov. 15, 1888.

Dwight District. — Sarah C. Fales, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1888.

Eliot District. — John J. Sheehan, sub-master, from Nov. 19, 1888; Rose A. Carrigan, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1888; M. Elizabeth McGinley, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1888.

Harvard District. — Sarah J. Worcester, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888.

Phillips District. — Katharine A. Burns, third assistant, from Nov. 12, 1888; Matilda J. Kennemon, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888; Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1888.

Prescott District. — Minnie E. Ward, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Lincoln District. — Mary Currie, third assistant, from Oct. 8, 1888.

Lowell District. — Lena A. Aechtler, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1888; Ellen M. Farrell, third assistant, from Oct. 16, 1888.

Norcross District. — Helen E. Hobbs, third assistant, from Oct. 29, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dorchester High School. — Albert S. Perkins, assistant.

Bowdoin District. — Mary E. Abercrombie, fourth assistant.

Hyde District. — Ester Fletcher, second assistant.

Lewis District. — Fannie E. Merriam, fourth assistant.

Prescott District. — Ruphine A. Morris and Lizzie Simpson, fourth assistants.

Shurtleff District. — Catherine E. McDonald, fourth assistant.

Warren District. — Katharine A. Sweeney, third assistant.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Tilson A. Mead, from Oct. 9, 1888. *Charlestown Branch.* — John O. Norris, Edward F. Holden, from Nov. 7, 1888; *Instructor of Phonography.* — Richard F. Sullivan, from Nov. 9, 1888; *Instructor of French.* — Eugene Raymond, from Nov. 9, 1888.

Bigelow School. — Rose S. Havey, from Nov. 12, 1888.

Eliot School. — Julia G. L. Morse, from Oct. 8, 1888; Agnes F. Collier, from Oct. 9, 1888; Louise W. Betts, from Oct. 10, 1888; Althea M. Todd, from Oct. 15, 1888; Annie V. Hagerty, from Oct. 23, 1888.

Franklin School. — Katharine C. Sullivan, from Oct. 3, 1888; Frances Zirngiebel, from Oct. 8, 1888; Elenora R. Clare, from Oct. 15, 1888; Adolf Bromberg, from Oct. 22, 1888; Edith K. Hovey, from Oct. 30, 1888.

Lincoln School. — Annie S. McKissick and Sarah L. Park, from Oct. 8, 1888.

Sherwin School. — Minna B. Noyes, from Oct. 3, 1888.

Wells School. — Matilda F. Bibbey, from Oct. 3, 1888; Leila L. Rand, from Oct. 8, 1888; Mary F. McDonald, from Oct. 15, 1888; Abby G. Grandison, from Oct. 17, 1888.

Accepted.

EVENING DRAWING SCHOOLS.

Election of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Evening Drawing Schools. — *Head Assistant.* — Albert L. Ware, from Oct. 15, 1888. *Assistant.* — Daniel Santry, from Oct. 15, 1888.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Dwight District. — Agnes J. Cushman, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Barbara C. Farrington.

Bowdoin District. — Barbara C. Farrington, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Harriet L. Smith, substitute.

Jane F. Reid.

Chapman District. — Jane F. Reid, first assistant, until Dec. 12, 1888; Mary McLean, substitute.

Helen Emerson, substitute.

Dearborn District. — Helen Emerson, substitute for Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant, granted leave of absence.

Catherine T. Simonds.

Franklin District. — Catherine T. Simonds, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Etta M. Smith, substitute.

Sarah E. Ward.

Hancock District. — Sarah E. Ward, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Henrietta Thompson, substitute.

Mary T. Hale.

Kindergartens. — Mary T. Hale, instructor, until Jan. 1, 1889; Lucy Kummer, substitute. Abbie M. Small, instructor, until Jan. 1, 1889; Marian T. Morse, substitute.

Abbie M. Small.

Eliza C. Fisher.

Lowell District. — Eliza C. Fisher, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Anna W. Bumstead, substitute. Susan E. Chapman, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Katherine M. Coulahan, substitute.

Susan E. Chapman.

Report of the Committee on Kindergartens, establishment of Kindergartens in East Boston. [See pp. 87, 155.]

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, to whom was referred — September 25 — the communication from the City Council relative to the establishment of kindergartens in East Boston, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That two kindergartens be established in East Boston.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, it was

Establishment of kindergarten in Charlestown.

Ordered, That a kindergarten be established in the Common-street school-house, Charlestown.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, it was

Kindergartens, furniture, etc., for; transfer of appropriation.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to consider and report what steps are necessary to be taken by which the four kindergartens, recently

established by the School Board, can be provided with suitable furniture, etc., on account of the lack of the appropriation for this purpose in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following report: —

Report of the Committee on Accounts; transfer of appropriation, Kindergarten Schools.

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred an order that they consider and report the necessary steps by which the four kindergartens, recently established, can be provided with suitable furniture, — on account of a lack of funds in the hands of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, respectfully submit the following report: That, inasmuch as it is no part of the duties of this Board to expend the appropriation granted them for school purposes for the purchase of desks and other furniture required in fitting up schools, this committee are of the opinion that, under the circumstances, a petition presented to the City Council requesting a transfer from the appropriation granted the School Committee for kindergartens to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings, would meet the requirements for this purpose, if approved by the City Council.

This committee has therefore prepared the accompanying communication, which they respectfully recommend be transmitted to the City Council: —

To the Honorable City Council, —

The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee respectfully represent that the proper action has been taken by the School Committee establishing four additional kindergartens, to be located in East Boston, Charlestown, Dorchester, and the city proper; that the Superintendent of Public Buildings has been requested, through the Committee on Kindergartens, to fit up the rooms and provide the necessary furniture; but, owing to a lack of funds, he is unable to comply with the request.

As it is no part of the duties of this Board to provide desks and other furniture required, they respectfully petition your Honorable Body to take such action as may be required to transfer from the appropriation of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) granted the School Committee for kindergartens, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) to the appropriation, School-houses, Public Buildings. It is hoped that favorable action may be taken upon the

request at as early a date as possible, in order that progress in this new and important branch of our educational system may not be delayed.

For the Committee on Accounts,

EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman.

The report was accepted, and the communication ordered to be sent to the City Council.

Mr. Collison, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to Mrs. James Tolman.

Ordered, That the thanks of the School Committee be tendered to Mrs. James Tolman, in recognition of the public benefit conferred by her in the establishment and maintenance of the kindergarten which she has so generously transferred to the city of Boston.

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Collison, it was

Ordered, That the secretary of the Board transmit to Mrs. Tolman a copy of the above order, properly engrossed.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Clarabel Gilman.

Ordered, That Clarabel Gilman, assistant in the West Roxbury High School, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 12, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Hough's American Woods.

Ordered, That Hough's American Woods be added to the list of reference books for the Normal and High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the list of authorized text-books, reference-books, and supplementary reading-books be printed. List of authorized text and reference books.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books offered the following: —

Ordered, That Heine's Die Harzreise (Selected German Texts) be authorized as a text-book in German in the Latin and High Schools. Heine's Die Harzreise, text-book.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, reported that no change in the plan for the assignment and distribution of supplementary reading is necessary. The committee suggest the addition of a few titles to the list, and recommend the passage of the following order: — Report of Committee on text-books; supplementary reading-books.

Ordered, That the following-named books be added to the list of authorized supplementary reading-books: —

Latin and High Schools. — Webster — Section 2 [Annotated English Classics, Ginn & Co.]; Wordsworth's Poems — Section 2 [Annotated English Classics, Ginn & Co.]; Sheldon's Greek and Roman History.

Grammar Schools. — Circulating Supplementary Reading: Sharp eyes and other Papers; Lessons on Practical Subjects; Stories of Mother Nature; Play Days; Jackanapes; Children's Stories of American Progress; Little Lord Fauntleroy.

Primary Schools. — Permanent Supplementary Reading: An Illustrated Primer (D. C. Heath & Co.). Circulating Supplementary Reading, Second Readers: Woodward's Number Stories.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Meiklejohn's Rhetoric be authorized Meiklejohn's

Rhetoric; text-book. [See pp. 99, 110.]

for use as a text-book in the High Schools, in place of Hill's Rhetoric.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was amended by striking out the words "in place of Hill's Rhetoric."

The order, as amended, passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; number of pupils to a teacher in first classes of the Grammar Schools. [See page 157.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 25 — an order that Section 98, paragraph 3, of the Rules be amended, by inserting after the words "complement of teachers," in the fifth line, the words "one teacher shall be allowed for forty pupils, in the first class," reported that the amendment proposes to reduce the number of pupils to a teacher, in the first classes of the grammar schools, from fifty-six to forty. While your committee recognize that there are strong reasons in favor of reducing the number of pupils to a teacher in these classes, they feel there are stronger reasons for not taking action at the present time. The effect of the change would be to require the appointment of additional teachers at a time when the appropriation is insufficient to meet the present expenses of the schools. There are other reasons which might be urged, which it is unnecessary to state. Your committee, after careful deliberation, are of the opinion that the Committee on Nominations will continue to exercise their judicious consideration concerning the nominations of teachers, and that no change in the existing rules is desirable at this time.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; corporal punishment. [See page 157.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 25 — an order that Section 221 of the Regulations be amended, by adding to the ninth line the words "and administered only at the close of the session," reported that the purpose of the amendment is to provide that corporal punishment shall be inflicted only at the

close of school. Your committee are of the opinion that no action on the order referred is advisable.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; reëlection of teachers. [See page 143.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order that Section 83 of the Rules be amended in the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth lines, so as to read, "shall recommend to the Committee on Nominations such regularly confirmed substitute teachers as have served acceptably during their period of teaching in the current school-year," reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; Exhibitions of Evening Drawing Schools. [See page 143.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order proposing an amendment to the Regulations concerning the exhibitions of the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the following be substituted for Section 362 of the Regulations : —

"SECT. 362. Exhibitions shall be held at the close of the term, and diplomas awarded to those pupils who, in the judgment of the Committee on Drawing and the Director of Drawing, have completed the course creditably. The dates of the exhibitions shall be determined by the Committee on Drawing, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the close of the term.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; rank of teachers in Evening Elementary Schools. [See page 141.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 11 — an order that the Regulations be amended so as to provide for the appointment of first assistants in the Evening Elementary Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows : —

SECT. 102. Insert after the words "additional assistant," in the fifth line, the words "in Elementary Schools of seventy-five pupils or more, a male teacher may be appointed, with the rank of first assistant."

SECT. 103. Insert after the words "qualified," in the thirteenth line, the words "first assistants and."

SECT. 122. Insert after the word "principal," in the second line, the words "first assistants."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; text-books in Normal School. [See pp. 101, 113.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 12 — an order proposing an amendment to the Regulations relating to the text-books in the Normal School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 299 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "as are needed," in the third line, the words "in the opinion of the Committee on Normal Schools."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; tenure of office of teachers.

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom were referred, from the files of last year, the resolutions of the Schoolmasters' Club and the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors, on the tenure of office of teachers, reported that, in the opinion of this committee, it is inexpedient to legislate upon the matter at the present time.

Accepted.

Kindergarten Rules and Regulations amended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 106 amended so as to read, —

The instructors of kindergartens shall be principals and assistants. In kindergartens having one instructor the rank of the instructor may be either that of principal or that of assistant. In a

kindergarten having two or more instructors, one instructor shall rank as principal, and the others as assistants. One instructor shall be allowed for every twenty-five pupils in attendance; but an additional instructor may be appointed for an excess of fifteen pupils in attendance, continuing for one month; and an instructor may be removed for a deficiency of fifteen pupils in attendance, continuing for two months. Whenever the numbers in a kindergarten entitle it to five instructors, that kindergarten shall be reorganized so as to form two kindergartens. Whenever, in the judgment of the Committee on kindergartens, the assistance of an attendant is required in a kindergarten, an attendant, whose compensation shall not exceed twenty-five cents for each day of actual service, may be appointed by said committee. Such attendants shall, so far as is practicable, be chosen from among the relatives of the children.

Insert the following: —

SECT. 125. The salaries of the instructors of kindergartens shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding three years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fourth and each subsequent year of service.

Insert the following: —

SECT. 368. Instructors of kindergartens shall regularly devote their afternoons to visiting in the families of the districts for the purpose of securing the interest and coöperation of the parents in kindergarten work, and of promoting regularity of attendance. If any child is absent for three successive days, the instructor shall ascertain the cause of absence by making a visit to the child's home. No corporal punishment nor physical restraint of any kind shall be used in a kindergarten.

SECT. 369. Instructors of kindergartens shall make reports to and be under the care and direction of the principals of the school-districts in which they may be placed; they shall be visited and reported upon by the supervisors; and in general shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations so far as applicable to them.

Passed, under a suspension of the Rules. Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors in kindergartens be fixed at the following rates: Principals, first year, $600; annual increase, $36; maximum salary, Salaries of instructors in kindergartens.

$708. Assistants, first year, $432 ; annual increase, $36, maximum salary, $540.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following : —

Etta D. Morse; appointment and salary of.

Ordered, That Etta D. Morse be appointed an instructor in kindergartens from Sept. 5 to Nov. 14, 1888, and that she be paid the sum of eighty-two dollars and eighty cents for her services in that position.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, offered the following : —

National Music Course, revised edition. [See pp. 151, 169.]

Ordered, That the National Music Course, revised edition, be authorized for use in the Grammar and Primary Schools of the first and second divisions, provided that the terms for the exchange of books are satisfactory to the Committee on Supplies.

Passed.

Petition for holiday.

Mr. Dunn presented a petition, signed by Wm. H. Dupree and seventeen others, praying that the public schools may be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 14, the day of the dedication of the Crispus Attucks monument.

Placed on file.

Mr. Dunn moved that there be no sessions of the public schools on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The chair ruled that, under the rules, it required a vote of three-fourths of the members present to grant a holiday.

Mr. Dunn's motion was lost, by a vote of 11 to 7.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Committee on Third Division authorized to suspend schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Third Division be authorized to suspend the sessions of such schools in that division on Wednesday, Nov. 14, as the committee think proper.

Report of Committee on Nominations; instructors in kindergartens.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the Committee on Kindergartens, reported the following nominations of instructors in kindergartens, on probation, to date from Nov. 14, 1888: —

Sharp School, Anderson street. — Serena J. Frye, principal.

Winchell School, Blossom street. — Ellen Gray, principal, fourth year; Harriet H. Gordon, assistant, third year.

Baldwin School, Chardon court. — Ida A. Noyes, principal, fourth year; Mary B. Bacon, assistant.

64 North Margin street. — Anna Spooner, principal.

Cushman School, Parmenter street. — Anne L. Page, principal, fourth year; Mary Carter, assistant, third year.

39 North Bennet street. — Mary C. Peabody, principal, fourth year; Clara L. Hunting, assistant, third year; E. Louise Richards, assistant.

Primary School, Hudson street. — Abbie M. Small, principal, fourth year; Emily B. Stodder, assistant, second year.

Howe School, Fifth street, South Boston. — Mrs. Emilie F. Bethmann, principal, fourth year; Frieda M. Bethmann, assistant, third year.

Warren Chapel, Warrenton street. — Lucy H. Symonds, principal, fourth year; Etta D. Morse, assistant.

Primary School, Rutland street. — Emma L. Alter, principal, fourth year; Isabel G. Dame, assistant, second year.

147 Ruggles street. — Caroline E. Josselyn, principal, fourth year; Ellen L. Sampson, assistant.

933 Albany street. — Mary T. Hale, principal, fourth year; Jennie B. Brown, assistant, second year.

School-house, Cottage place, Roxbury. — Caroline E. Carr, principal, fourth year; Adah L. Peabody, assistant. Anna E. Marble, principal, fourth year; Mrs. C. Mabel Rust, assistant, third year.

Starr King School, Tennyson street. — Mary T. Smith, principal, fourth year; Angie B. Towne, assistant, third year.

Field's Corner. — Grace H. Mather, assistant, third year.

Primary School, Appleton street. — Mabel Hooper, principal; Lucile Campbell, assistant, third year.

Primary School, Common street, Charlestown. — Sallie M. Bush, principal; Frances Williamson, assistant.

Primary School, Princeton street, East Boston. — Lelia A. Flagg, principal; Flora S. McLean, assistant.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. McDonald, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Sarah J. Worcester.

Ordered, That Sarah J. Worcester, fourth assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Funeral services of Mr. Edward C. Carrigan.

The Chair announced that the funeral services of Mr. Edward C. Carrigan, late a member of this Board, will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 14, at eight o'clock, at Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Retiring-room for teachers Munroe-street Primary School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be again requested to provide a retiring-room for teachers in the Munroe-street Primary School-house.

[See pp. 19, 73.]

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Radiators for Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause upright radiators to be placed where they are needed in the Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Petition for use of school kitchen for lectures.

Mr. Murphy presented the following: —

To the Boston School Committee: —

I am the teacher of cookery in the Boston School Kitchen, No. 4, located in the Quincy-street Primary School, and am thinking of giving a course of lectures on cooking, on Saturday mornings, to the ladies of Roxbury. I would respectfully ask for the use of the kitchen for that time, agreeing to keep and leave everything in perfect order. Hoping for a favorable answer at your earliest convenience, I am,

Yours respectfully,

MRS. ALTHEA SOMES.

29 ALASKA ST., Nov. 13, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Seventh Division.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Hancock District.

Additional Primary-School accommodations in the Hancock District.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., NOV. 13, 1888.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being seven months' payments of the present financial year: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1888-89.	November Draft.	Expenditures, 7 months, 1888-89.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors	$1,269,678 00	$108,515 52	$717,618 71	$552,059 29
Salaries, Officers	58,180 00	4,848 33	33,915 33	24,264 67
School Ex.: Salaries, Janitors	210,322 00	8,399 70	56,771 03	40,868 43
School Ex.: Fuel, Gas, Water		9,964 50	61,777 48	
School Ex.: Books, Supplies, Manual Training, and other Expenses		4,982 82	50,905 06	
Kindergartens	20,000 00	1,357 22	2,516 31	17,483 69
	$1,558,180 00	$138,068 09	$923,503 92	$634,676 08

As compared with the corresponding time last year: —

Salaries of Instructors, increased		$19,865 08
Salaries of Officers, increased		549 00
Fuel, Gas, and Water, increased		10,335 07
Kindergartens, increased		2,516 31
		$33,265 46
Less decrease in Salaries of Janitors	$804 43	
Less decrease in Books, Supplies, and Miscellaneous Expenses	349 13	
		1,153 56
Total increase for seven months		$32,111 90

The amount to the credit of School Expenses ($40,868.43) will be sufficient to pay expenses until January 1, leaving the draft payable February 1, partially, and the remaining drafts (March 1 and April 1) entirely, unprovided for.

For the Committee on Accounts,

EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in Lowell District. [See page 19.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — an order concerning a new Primary School-house in the Lowell District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect an eight-room Primary School-house in the Lowell District, in the vicinity of the Grammar School-house in that district.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in Dearborn District. [See page 35.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order concerning a new Primary School-house in the Dearborn District, reported that no action is needed at the present time on the order referred.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School Houses; additional Primary-School accommodations in the George Putnam District. [See page 67.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 27 — an order concerning additional Primary-School accommodations in the George Putnam District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional temporary accommodations for the Primary-School pupils in the George Putnam District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on School Houses; enlargement of

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 24 — an order concerning the enlargement of the yard of the Dudley School-house, reported

that, in the opinion of this committee, property in the rear of the school-house could be purchased at a reasonable sum for the enlargement of the yard of this school-house. In addition to the advantages gained by the increased yard-room, the building on the property suggested to be purchased could be remodelled at a moderate cost and supply additional accommodations to this overcrowded district. A passageway to the school premises could also be opened from Roxbury street, which would be of great convenience to many pupils attending the school. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

yard of Dudley School-house. [See page 20.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land for the enlargement of the yard of the Dudley School-house, and to furnish another entrance to the school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — January 24 — an order concerning a new Primary School-house in the Dudley District, reported that the present Roxbury High School-house will be vacated before a new building could be erected, and that the High-School building located in the Dudley District will, when vacant, furnish ample accommodations for the Primary-School children of that section. The committee recommend that no further action be taken upon the order referred.

Report of Committee on School Houses; new Primary School-house in the Dudley District. [See pp. 19, 20.]

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 10 — an order concerning repairs of the Smith-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on School Houses; repairs of Smith-street School-house. [See page 77.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Smith-street School-house, in the Martin District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, it was

Enlargement of lot of Hugh O'Brien School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to buy the land of a Mr. Woodward, adjoining the present lot of the Hugh O'Brien School, providing the same can be purchased at a price not exceeding twenty-five cents per square foot; there having been assurance that the same can be acquired at that price.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Additional clerical assistance in offices.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to employ some additional clerical force to enable them to meet the increased requirements of the Committee and Superintendent of Schools.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation of Rev. Joseph T. Duryea as a member of the School Committee.

To President Williamson —

In view of a change of residence before the end of the year, it becomes my duty to tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee, to take effect at the close of the municipal year, in order that the way may be open for the nomination of my successor at the approaching municipal election.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH T. DURYEA.

To President Williamson, of the School Committee of the City of Boston, Nov. 13, 1888.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following: —

Board of Health, 12 Beacon Street,

Boston, Oct. 19, 1888.

To the Honorable School Committee: —

Communication from the Board of Health; Primary School-house, Winship place.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Twice within the present year the health of the pupils in the Primary School in Winship place, Brighton, has been in danger from infectious diseases breaking out in a tenement building in very close proximity to the school-house. All that the Board of Health can legally do will not wholly remove the danger to the pupils from infectious diseases in this dwelling-house. The

situation of the dwelling-house is such as not only to menace the health of the pupils in the school building whenever infectious diseases occur therein, but it compromises the best exposure to direct sunlight and air-currents which the school-house has. The Board of Health, believing that the health and comfort of the pupils of this school-house would be largely promoted by the removal of said dwelling-house, and the accession of its land for school purposes, would respectfully recommend that said house and land be purchased by the city and the building at once removed. City valuation of house, $900; land, $1,200; square feet of land, 12,128. The Board also recommend the removal of the first row of trees in the rear of the school-house, on account of the present excessive shade to the school-rooms.

For the Board of Health,
SAMUEL H. DURGIN,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the lot of the Primary School-house in Winship place, Brighton, by the purchase of the land and dwelling-house adjacent to the school premises.

Enlargement of lot of Primary School-house, Winship place.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

The Chair presented the report of the Secretary of the Board on the order passed October 9, that the Clerk of the School Board be requested to report to the Board a list of non-resident instructors of the Boston Public Schools who are receiving salaries from the city of Boston, the amounts of their salaries, and their place of residence at the time of their appointments.

Report of the Secretary of this Board; list of non-resident teachers. [See page 171.]

The report was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide an additional room in the Pierce District.

Additional School accommodations in the Pierce District. Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Normal School, offered the following: —

Salary of W. Bertha Hintz.

Ordered, That the salary of W. Bertha Hintz, teacher of illustrative drawing, penmanship, and elementary methods, Normal School, be fixed at the rate of $1,080 per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Certificates of service to Mrs. Mary A. Connor and Mrs. Helen A. Melrose.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be authorized and directed to issue certificates of service, fourth grade, to Mrs. Mary A. Connor and Mrs. Helen A. Melrose, on account of their previous acceptable service in the Boston public schools.

On motion of Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on Drawing, it was

Additional accommodations for Charlestown Evening Drawing School.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to furnish an additional room, properly fitted, for the use of the Charlestown Evening Drawing School.

Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Casts for Evening Drawing School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing be authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding twenty dollars, for the purchase of casts for the Roxbury Evening Drawing School.

Mr. Collison moved that the rules be suspended.

Lost.

The order was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Roxbury Evening Drawing School; lighting of rooms.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested to cause the rooms in the Roxbury Evening Drawing School to be sufficiently lighted.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sarah C. Fales, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1888, under the provisions of Section 117 of the Rules. Salary of Sarah C. Fales.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Ordered, That an evening school, for instruction in English to Germans, Russians, and others of foreign birth, be established in the Hancock School-house. Evening School for instruction in English to Germans, Russians, etc.

Mr. Lasker, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of John O. Norris, assistant in charge of the Charlestown Branch of the Evening High School, be fixed at the rate of five dollars per evening of actual service. Salary of John O. Norris.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Grainger offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended so as to provide that pupils in the public schools shall not be sent for absent pupils. Pupils not to be sent for absent pupils.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Eighth Division be authorized to appoint a temporary third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District. Temporary third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 27, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the city of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Gallagher, Grainger, Hall, Hyde, McDonald, Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was dispensed with, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 299 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the words "as are needed," in the third line, the words "in the opinion of the Committee on Normal Schools."

Text-books in Normal School. [See pp. 101, 113, 194.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the order was laid on the table.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows, —

SECT. 102. Insert after the words "additional assistant," in the fifth line, the words "in elementary schools of seventy-five pupils, or more, a male teacher may be appointed, with the rank of first assistant."

Rank of teachers in Evening Elementary Schools. Rules amended. [See pp. 141, 193.]

SECT. 103. Insert after the word "qualified," in the thirteenth line, the words "first assistants and."

SECT. 122. Insert after the word "principal," in the second line, the words "first assistants."

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the following be substituted for Section 362 of the Regulations, —

Exhibitions of Evening Drawing Schools; rules amended. [See pp. 143, 193.]

SECT. 362. Exhibitions shall be held at the close of the term, and diplomas awarded to those pupils who, in the judgment of the Committee on Drawing and the Director of Drawing, have completed the course creditably. The dates of the exhibitions shall be determined by the Committee on Drawing, and announced in the schools not later than ten days prior to the close of the term.

Passed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Bertha Rogers; suspension of morning sessions of schools.

BOSTON, Nov. 26, 1888.

To the School Committee: —

After such a day I feel it would not be out of place to suggest that it would be a good idea to make a rule calling for the ringing of the bell on stormy mornings this winter, and we are likely to have a few.

Yours respectfully,

BERTHA ROGERS.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Collison, it was

Suspension of morning sessions of schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations consider the expediency of providing a signal for no morning sessions of the schools whenever a severe storm is in progress.

Report of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of a teacher.

Lewis District. — Susan A. Dutton, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Comins District. — Katherine L. Campbell, from Nov. 19, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Comins District. — Margaret A. McGuire, third assistant, from Nov. 19, 1888. Temporary teachers.

Pierce District. — Helen A. Woods, fourth assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Dudley District. — Frances Zirngiebel, third assistant, from Dec. 3, 1888. Election of teachers on probation.

Lewis District. — Mary E. Very and Mary E. Howard, third assistants, from Dec. 3, 1888.

Sherwin District. — Mary F. Roome, third assistants, from Dec. 3, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bennett District. — Edwin F. Kimball, sub-master. Confirmation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Alice P. Lord, third assistant.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant.

Pierce District. — Mary E. Mann, second assistant, Lizzie C. Estey, third assistant.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening High School. — Samuel Thurber, from Nov. 2, 1888. Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Warrenton-street School. — Samuel Weltch, Annie Nichols, and Caroline M. Butler, from Oct. 3, 1888.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Philena W. Rounseville.

Louise D. Gage.

Dearborn District. — Philena W. Rounseville, first assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Alice W. Emerson, substitute. Louise D. Gage, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Mary E. Connor, substitute.

Pierce District. — Mary E. Mann, second assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Alice M. Smith, substitute.

Annual Report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Miss Hastings, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Enlargement of yard of Prince School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the boys' yard of the Prince School-house by removing the embankment, and replacing it with a face wall of stone.

Miss Hastings moved that the rules be suspended.

Lost.

The order was referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the following order was taken from the table: —

Strang's English lessons. [See page 168.]

Ordered, That Strang's English Lessons be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the order was amended by inserting after the words "text-book in the," the words "High and."

The order passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the following order was taken from the table: —

Heine's Die Harzreise. [See page 191.]

Ordered, That Heine's Die Harzreise (Selected German Texts) be authorized as a text-book in German in the Latin and High Schools.

The order passed.

Report of Committee on Text-

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the report of the Commit-

tee on Text-Books on supplementary reading was taken from the table and accepted.

Books; supplementary reading books. [See page 191.]

The orders appended to the report (see page 191) were passed.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on tenure of office of the head-master of the Normal School was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; tenure of office of head-master of the Normal School. [See pp. 62, 93.]

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the following order was taken from the table: —

Nomination of sewing teachers. [See pp. 85, 87, 88.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECT. 49. Insert after the words "they shall," in the fourth line, the words "after consulting with the principals."

SECT. 234. Insert after the words "the Committee on Sewing shall" in the eighth line, the words "after consulting with the principals."

The order was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 25 — an order relating to the salary of James E. Thomas, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of James E. Thomas. [See page 152.]

Ordered, That James E. Thomas, junior-master in the English High School, be placed upon the fifth year of service in his grade, to date from Jan. 4, 1889.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order concerning the salary of Clarabel Gilman, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Clarabel Gilman. [See page 190.]

Ordered, That Clarabel Gilman, assistant in the West Roxbury High School, be placed upon the second

year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 12, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Sarah C. Fales. [See page 205.]

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order concerning the salary of Sarah C. Fales, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Sarah C. Fales, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1888; her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary under Section 117 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Sarah J. Worcester. [See page 198.]

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order concerning the salary of Sarah J. Worcester, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Sarah J. Worcester, fourth assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1888; her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary under Section 117 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salaries of instructors in kindergartens. [See page 155.]

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 25 — an order concerning the salaries of certain instructors in kindergartens, reported that, as the Board has recently regraded the instructors in kindergartens, and established the salaries of such grades, no further action on the order referred is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, submitted the following report: —

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salaries of Fannie A. Foster and Elizabeth B. Norton. [See pp. 101, 102, 170, 171.]

The Committee on Salaries, to whom was recommitted — Oct. 9 — their report on orders referred relative to the salaries of Fannie A. Foster and Elizabeth B. Norton, second assistants, Primary Schools, in the Harvard and Bunker Hill Districts, respectively, reported, that in the reconsideration of these cases additional information has been presented which has materially changed the opinion of the committee as expressed in their previous report. The grade of second assistants, Primary Schools, was established by the Board in 1880. The Regulations provide that, in every Primary School having not less than four teachers, a teacher may, on recommendation of the Division Committee, in consultation with the principal, be elected with the rank of second assistant, who shall perform such general duties in connection with the said schools as may be required by the principal, under the direction of said committee.

Most of the Division Committees, under the authority of this regulation, appointed second assistants in the Primary Schools entitled to them. The Second Division Committee did not recommend the appointment of any second assistants in the Primary Schools, and these teachers, Misses Foster and Norton, in schools having eight and nine teachers, continued with the rank and salary of fourth assistants while performing the duties required of second assistants. The Division Committee has recently promoted these teachers to the rank of second assistants. Had they been promoted when other teachers were promoted to this rank they would now be receiving the maximum salary of the grade.

Your committee are of the opinion that the Board deemed it wise, and for the interests of the schools, that this grade should be established. All teachers who performed the required duties, and were entitled to the position, should have received the increase in rank and salary which the Board established. These teachers performed the duties of the position, and were entitled to their promotion at the time of the establishment of the grade, and have continued to perform said duties, and are, in the judgment of your committee, entitled to the credit of their years of service in such work. The committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That Fannie A. Foster, second assistant, Primary School, in the Harvard District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888.

Ordered, That Elizabeth B. Norton, second assistant, Primary School, in the Bunker Hill District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Additional windows and curtains for Winthrop-street School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause additional windows to be placed in each room, and new curtains to be provided where they are needed in the Winthrop-street Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School Houses.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, it was

Gift of bust of the late Hon. George Lewis.

Ordered, That the marble bust of the late Hon. George Lewis, presented to the Lewis School by his son, George Lewis, Esq., be accepted, and that the thanks of the School Board be tendered the donor.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Normal School, offered the following: —

Regulations of the Normal School; amendments proposed.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECT. 295. To the amendment, "The course of study in this school shall be for a year and a half," passed Sept. 25, 1888, add the following: "and shall be divided into three terms of five months each."

SECT. 296. After the word "head-master," in the eighth line, insert "and the Board of Supervisors, acting as a joint committee." Strike out all after the word "proper," in the thirteenth line.

SECT. 297. Substitute the following: "The Board of Supervisors and head-master, acting as a joint committee, shall examine the pupils in the Normal School, make promotions from class to class and at the close of the course submit the results of their examinations and the rank of the pupils, together with their own recommendations, to the Committee on Examinations, who shall award the diplomas.

"Pupils who fail of promotion or graduation at the close of any term may join the following class; but no pupil shall repeat the work of any term more than once."

SECT. 300. After the word "the," in the first line, insert, "Thursday following the." Strike out the words "and with such exercises."

SECT. 304. Strike out the words, "for not less than six weeks of each school year," and in place thereof insert "four weeks during the second term and ten weeks during the third term." Add the following at the end of the section: "Principals of schools in which the Normal pupils observe and practise shall report to the head-master, in writing, their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such pupils."

SECT. 305. After the words "for the," in the second line, insert "further." Add the following at the end of the section: "Regular instruction shall be provided for the pupils of the post-graduate class for one term only; but they may attend the instruction given in the other classes for the rest of the year."

SECT. 306. Strike out all after the word "follows," in the second line, and substitute the following: —

1. Psychology and Logic.
2. Principles of Education.
3. Methods of Instruction and Discipline.
4. Physiology and Hygiene.
5. The Studies of the Primary and Grammar Schools.
6. Observation and Practice in the Training School.
7. Observation and Practice in the other Public Schools.
8. Science of Language.
9. Phonics.
10. Gymnastics.
11. Vocal Music.
12. Drawing and Blackboard Illustration.
13. Special study of the Theory and Practice of the Kindergarten, for those members of the post-graduate class who desire to qualify themselves for teaching in that department.

SECT. 94. Strike out all after the word "Instructors," in the ninth line, and substitute the following: "already provided for in this section, there shall be a second assistant for service in the Normal Training Schools, a second assistant for service in the Normal School and Normal Kindergarten, and a special teacher of drawing and blackboard illustration."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with the request that said committee report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Ordered, That the regular meetings of the School Committee in December be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays.

Regular meetings of Board in December.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Sessions of evening schools suspended.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That no session of the evening schools be held Friday, November 30.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Appropriation for globes, maps, and charts; authority given to exceed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to exceed the estimate ($750) for globes, maps, and charts as requested in the appropriation asked for under the head of School Expenses. This action is made necessary by the substitution of the Normal Series of Music Charts for the National Series of Music Charts in a portion of the schools.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School Houses, submitted the following report: —

Report of the Committee on School Houses; enlargement of lot of Primary School house, Winship place. [See pp. 202, 203.]

The Committee on School Houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order that the City Council be requested to enlarge the lot of the Primary School-house in Winship place, Brighton, by the purchase of the land and dwelling-house adjacent to the school premises, reported that they have visited the premises and ascertained the following facts: The Bennett School building was erected by the town of Brighton on a lot of land one hundred and twenty feet front on an open park, and two hundred feet deep. The school-house, having a frontage of about fifty feet, is located on one side of the lot, leaving about seventy feet on the north side of the lot vacant. There is no proper system of sewerage in that locality, the land being drained into catch-basins constructed by each owner in such location on his estate as seemed to insure the proper protection for the health of the neighborhood. Your committee were given to understand that everything which the Board of Health had requested for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the estate referred to in the order, and known as the Coggswell estate, had been done by the guardian having the property in charge. The dwelling-house is nearer the school-house than it should be to insure the full benefit of sunlight and air to the school-building on that side. There are two

piazzas, one on the north and one on the south side of the school-house, which render the lower front room dark and damp, and undesirable for school purposes. The teacher states that it is not an uncommon occurrence to find the walls and blackboards of the room covered with moisture. Your committee, after careful consideration, and in view of the facts of the improper drainage in the neighborhood, the proximity of the dwelling-house to the school-building, and the undesirable condition of the lower front room, have come to the conclusion that the piazzas should be removed from the school-building, and either the dwelling-house or the school-house moved from its present location to the centre of the lot. They therefore recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the Coggswell house to be moved a proper distance from the Bennett Primary School-house, by purchasing the property, or otherwise; or to cause the school-house to be moved to the centre of its lot.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the piazzas from the Bennett Primary School-house.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Duryea rose to a question of privilege, and made a statement with regard to the action of the Board on a text-book in English history.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 12, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present, all the members except Messrs. Collison, Duryea, Elliott, Grainger, Hyde, and Swasey.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from George T. Angell.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS,
BOSTON, Dec. 6, 1888.

DEAR MR. WILLIAMSON, — At our last directors' meeting we voted to present a bound volume of O. D. A. (Our Dumb Animals) to each Boston Normal, High, Latin, and Grammar School. Please tell me whether I should petition the School Committee for power to present, and oblige

Yours truly,
GEORGE T. ANGELL.

Voted, That the gift be accepted.

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Ella E. Morrill, fourth assistant, Dec. 1, 1888.

Charles Sumner District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, Dec. 3, 1888.

Eliot District. — Rosa M. E. Reggio, fourth assistant, Sept. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Charles Sumner District. — Ingemisca G. Weysse, from Dec. 10, 1888.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Samuel F. Tower, junior master, from Dec. 10, 1888; John Vaughn, junior master, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Girls' High School. — Florence Dix, assistant, from Dec. 17, 1888.

Agassiz District. — Rosanna Follan, fourth assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Bowdoin District. — Julia G. L. Morse, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1888.

Dearborn District. — Annie M. Wilson, third assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888; Emma L. Merrill, fourth assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Dudley District. — Edith Hovey, third assistant, from Oct. 22 to Nov 28, 1888, inclusive.

Eliot District. — Catherine J. Cunningham, third assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Gibson District. — Annie C. McFarland, third assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. M. O'Dowd, third assistant, from Dec. 17, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Girls' Latin School. — Mary J. Foley, assistant, from Sept. 12, 1888.

Charles Sumner District. — Celia B. Hallstrom, third assistant, from Dec. 4, 1888.

Dor.-Everett District. — Anna E. Lanning, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Eliot District. — Rosa M. E. Reggio, second assistant, Primary School, from Sept. 5, 1888.

Harris District. — Bertha F. Cudworth, fourth assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Quincy District. — Angie C. Damon, third assistant, from Oct 1, 1888.

Stoughton District. — Charles C. Haines, submaster, from Jan. 2, 1889.

North Bennet-street Kindergarten. — Mary G. Murray, assistant, from Dec. 11, 1888.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Hancock District. — Margaret A. Nichols, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of instructors of evening schools.

Eliot School. — Theresa G. Power, from Nov. 9, 1888; Anna M. Keough, from Nov. 19, 1888.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

North Bennet-street Kindergarten. — Clara L. Hunting, assistant on probation, to the same position in the Porter-street Kindergarten; the transfer to date from Dec. 10, 1888.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations; temporary third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District. [See page 205.]

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order concerning the appointment of a temporary third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, reported that the following order ought to pass, under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Eighth Division be authorized to appoint a temporary third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Temporary teacher.

Mr. Dunn, for the same committee, reported the following nomination of a temporary teacher: —

Mt. Vernon District. — Marian A. McIntyre, third assistant, from Dec. 11, 1888.

Accepted.

Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes approved.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: —

Sarah L. Dyer.

East Boston High School. — Sarah L. Dyer, assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Edith S. Cushing, substitute.

Mary S. Sprague.

Dillaway District. — Mary S. Sprague, third assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Alice E. Robinson, substitute.

Ida J. Breckenridge.

Emerson District. — Ida J. Breckenridge, fourth assistant, until Jan. 1, 1889; Flora I. Woodman, substitute.

Lucy L. C. Bigelow; substitute.

Wells District. — Lucy L. C. Bigelow, substitute for Georgia D. Barstow, fourth assistant, granted leave of absence.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Salary of Alice P. Lord.

Ordered, That Alice P. Lord, third assistant in the Dwight District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Rebecca V. Humphrey, assistant in the Dorchester High School, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade.

Salary of Rebecca V. Humphrey.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Blake presented a communication from Edward P. Jackson for permission to advertise in the public schools, by the distribution of circulars, reduced rates of admission for the pupils to attend the fair for the relief of destitute soldiers and their families, under the auspices of Post 68, G.A.R.

Communication from Edward P. Jackson; fair for destitute soldiers, advertisement of, in schools.

The motion to suspend the rules to grant such permission was lost.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Third Division, offered the following:—

Ordered, That the sum of forty-six dollars and eight cents ($46.08) be paid to Elizabeth C. Harding, third assistant in the Eliot School, on account of extra services rendered by her in that school during the vacancy in the submastership.

Compensation to Elizabeth C. Harding for extra services.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Subsequently the Committee on Salaries reported in favor of the passage of the order, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

The report was accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred —June 26—a communication from the engineer of the Latin and English High School building, containing a proposition for assuming the entire care of the building for the sum of $4,320, reported that, inasmuch as the care of the building has been satisfactorily arranged since the communication was referred, there seems to be no need for further action, in the opinion of this committee.

Report of Committee on Accounts; communication from L. B. Sawyer; janitor-service English High and Latin school building. [See page 133.]

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Accounts; additional appropriation.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following: —

City of Boston,
Office of Accounts, Dec. 12, 1888.

To the School Committee: —

The Committee on Accounts respectfully represents that the estimates prepared under the appropriation "School Expenses," and forwarded to the City Auditor, under date of February 12, amounted to $268,000
The amount granted was 210,322

A reduction by the City Council of $57,678

Of the $210,322 granted, it will require about $175,000 to pay janitors' salaries and the cost of fuel, gas, and water, leaving about $35,000 to meet the remaining running expenses of the schools. This sum is entirely inadequate to purchase books and supplies required by law to be furnished to pupils and to pay for printing and other incidental expenses necessarily incurred in carrying on the schools.

The estimate presentedu nder the head of "School Instructors" amounted to $1,269,678, which sum was granted by the City Council; but, owing to the increase of pupils in the High and Evening Schools, it is now thought that this amount will hardly be sufficient to pay the salaries to the close of the year.

With these explanations the Committee on Accounts respectfully requests that the City Council be petitioned to make an additional appropriation of $46,000 for school expenditures, as, in the opinion of this committee, that amount will be needed to carry on the schools for the remainder of the financial year, as follows: —

For salaries of instructors $4,500
For school expenses 41,500

Total amount needed $46,000

If the City Council will authorize the Auditor of Accounts to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations granted the School Committee, to any other appropriation, $5,000 might be deducted from these estimates.

A portion of the money herein requested will be needed February 1, 1889; otherwise there will not be sufficient money available for payment of salaries of janitors due on that date.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That this communication be forwarded to the City Council, and that they be respectfully requested to grant the appropriation as estimated therein.

For the Committee on Accounts,

EDWIN H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; attendance at school of Jewish children on days of Jewish festivals. [See page 175.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 9 — an order that the children of the Jewish persuasion who attend the public schools shall be exempt, if they so wish, from attending school on days of Jewish festivals, reported that they have carefully considered the subject, and find that there have been no complaints from parents or others in relation to this matter. In most of the schools the principals, under instructions from the Division Committees, have arranged for the absence of pupils on Jewish holidays in a satisfactory and acceptable manner. In some of the schools, where regularity in attendance forms an important factor in determining the standing of the pupils, there may have been instances where the rank of pupils has been affected by such absences. It is the opinion of this committee that pupils who are absent from school on account of these Jewish festivals should not be affected in rank on account of such absences, and they trust the expression of this opinion will be sufficient to secure the discontinuance of the practice wherever it has prevailed in our schools.

Your committee believe that this matter may be left to the discretion of the committees in charge, and the principals, and they recommend that no change be made in the Regulations in relation to the subject.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on sewing; nomination

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — Nov. 27 — an order proposing amend-

of sewing teachers. [See pp. 85, 87, 88, 211.]

ments to the Rules and Regulations relating to the appointment of sewing teachers, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows, —

Insert the following: —

SECTION 108. The Committee on Sewing, after consulting the principals, shall nominate to the Board, through the Committee on Nominations, such instructors of sewing as may be necessary. The Committee on Sewing may discharge the regular instructors of sewing, subject to the approval of the Board, and may, whenever necessary, employ substitutes.

SECT. 108. Change the number to 109, and amend the section by striking out the words "and the Instructors in Sewing," in the third and fourth lines.

SECT. 265. Strike out all after the words "is proposed," in the seventh line, and insert in place thereof the words: "Each instructor of sewing shall have general oversight in the department assigned to her, and shall be assisted in teaching by the regular teacher of the class under instruction."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; regulations of Normal School. [See pp. 214, 215.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 27 — an order proposing amendments to the Rules and Regulations relating to the Normal School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECTION 94. Strike out all after the word "Instructors," in the ninth line, and substitute the following: "already provided for in this section, there shall be a second assistant for service in the Normal and Training

Schools, a second assistant for service in the Normal School and Normal Kindergarten, and a special teacher of drawing and blackboard illustration."

SECT. 295. Amend the section so that the last sentence shall read: "The course of study in this school shall be for a year and a half, and shall be divided into three terms, of five months each."

SECT. 296. After the word "head-master," in the eighth line, insert "and the Board of Supervisors, acting as a joint committee." Strike out all after the word "proper," in the thirteenth line.

SECT. 297. Substitute the following: The Board of Supervisors and head-master, acting as a joint committee, shall examine the pupils in the Normal School, make promotions from class to class, and at the close of the course submit the results of their examinations and the rank of the pupils, together with their own recommendations, to the Committee on Examinations, who shall award the diplomas.

Pupils who fail of promotion or graduation at the close of any term may join the following class; but no pupil shall repeat the work of any term more than once.

SECT. 300. After the word "the," in the first line, insert, "Thursday following the." Strike out the words "and with such exercises."

SECT. 304. Strike out the words, "for not less than six weeks of each school year," and in place thereof insert "four weeks during the second term and ten weeks during the third term." Add the following at the end of the section: "Principals of schools in which the Normal pupils observe and practise shall report to the head-master, in writing, their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such pupils."

SECT. 305. After the words "for the," in the second

line, insert "further." Add the following at the end of the section: "Regular instruction shall be provided for the pupils of the post-graduate class for one term only; but they may attend the instruction given in the other classes for the rest of the year."

SECT. 306. Strike out all after the word "follows," in the second line, and substitute the following: —

1. Psychology and Logic.
2. Principles of Education.
3. Methods of Instruction and Discipline.
4. Physiology and Hygiene.
5. The Studies of the Primary and Grammar Schools.
6. Observation and Practice in the Training School.
7. Observation and Practice in the other Public Schools.
8. Science of Language.
9. Phonics.
10. Gymnastics.
11. Vocal Music.
12. Drawing and Blackboard Illustration.
13. Special study of the Theory and Practice of the Kindergarten, for those members of the post-graduate class who desire to qualify themselves for teaching in that department.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; pupils not to be sent for absent pupils. [See page 205.]

Mr. Fallon, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order that the Regulations be amended so as to provide that pupils in the public schools shall not be sent for absent pupils, reported that they are of the opinion that the Regulations should be so amended, and they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Section 232 be amended by striking out the words "The teachers shall exercise the greatest caution in sending pupils to the houses of absent pupils

to ascertain the reasons for such absence, especially forbidding them to enter the houses to which they are sent. Pupils shall not be sent where contagious diseases are believed to exist in the household of the absent pupils," and inserting in place thereof the words "Pupils shall not be sent to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reasons for such absence."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That for the present year the evening schools be closed at the end of the session on Friday evening, Dec. 14, 1888, and reopened on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2, 1889.

Vacation in evening schools.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Lasker, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That a certificate of service, special grade, principal of an evening school for instruction in English to Germans, Russians, and others of foreign birth, be granted to Julius Weigman, the certificate to be dated November 26, 1888.

Certificate of service to Julius Weigman.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Lasker, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of first assistant in the elementary evening schools be fixed at the rate of two dollars and a half for each evening of actual service.

Salary of first assistants in evening schools.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on Drawing, offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the Evening Drawing School, in the Latin School building, on the evenings of December 24, 26, 28, and 31, 1888; and

Vacation in Evening Drawing School, Latin School building.

that the term in said school shall close on the fourth Monday in March, 1889.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Fallon offered the following: —

Holiday.

Ordered, That the public schools be suspended on the day of the 24th of December, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary E. Very.

Ordered, That Mary E. Very, third assistant in the Lewis District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Dec. 3, 1888.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Murphy, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Tablet for Lucretia Crocker School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide a tablet for the Lucretia Crocker school-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, it was

Establishment of kindergarten in Minot District.

Ordered, That a kindergarten be established in the Minot School District.

Committee on Annual Report granted further time.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the Committee on Annual School Report was granted further time to prepare its report.

Annual report of the Committee on Music.

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Music, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of W. Bertha Hintz.
[See page 204.]

Mr. Griffin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order that the salary of W. Bertha Hintz, teacher of illustrative drawing, penmanship, and elementary methods, Normal School, be fixed at the rate of $1,080 per annum, reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the

request for the increase in salary is just, and ought to be granted. The committee, however, in view of the law relating to the increase of salaries during the year, are unable to recommend that action be taken at this time. The position of Miss Hintz is unlike that of the regular teachers, where the salaries are fixed by grades, and provision made for a yearly increase in the salaries of each grade. The salary of the position filled by Miss Hintz is a fixed sum per year. Your committee recommend that the question of the increase in the salary of Miss Hintz receive the favorable consideration of the Committee on Salaries, and of the Board when the salaries of instructors are fixed for the next year.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Genevieve C. Roach. [See page 61.]

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 13 — an order concerning the salary of Genevieve C. Roach, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Genevieve C. Roach, third assistant in the Eliot District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Oct. 26, 1888.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Fannie M. Morris. [See page 157.]

Mr. Griffin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 25 — an order that Fannie M. Morris, third assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1888, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 26, 1888.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Duryea, Elliott, Grainger, Hyde, and Murphy.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; suspension of morning session of schools on account of stormy weather.

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, Dec. 13, 1888.

Ordered, That the School Committee be and hereby are requested that whenever, in their opinion, the weather is not suitable for the children of the public schools of Boston to attend the same during the morning session, that they so notify said children by the ringing of the fire-alarm bell at a quarter before eight A.M.; the same number of blows being struck as are now given for the discontinuance of the afternoon session.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 17.

Concurred.

Approved by the Mayor, Dec. 19, 1888.

A true copy.

Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The following order was read a second time: —

Pupils not to be sent for absent

Ordered, That Section 232 be amended by striking out the words "The teachers shall exercise the greatest

pupils; Regulations amended. [See pp. 205, 228.]

caution in sending pupils to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reasons for such absence, especially forbidding them to enter the houses to which they are sent. Pupils shall not be sent where contagious diseases are believed to exist in the household of the absent pupils," and inserting in place thereof the words "Pupils shall not be sent to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reasons for such absence."

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Nomination of sewing teachers; Rules and Regulations amended. [See pp. 85, 87, 88, 211, 226.]

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows, —

Insert the following: —

SECTION 108. The Committee on Sewing, after consulting the principals, shall nominate to the Board, through the Committee on Nominations, such instructors of sewing as may be necessary. The Committee on Sewing may discharge the regular instructors of sewing, subject to the approval of the Board, and may, whenever necessary, employ substitutes.

SECT. 108. Change the number to 109, and amend the section by striking out the words "and the Instructors in Sewing," in the third and fourth lines.

SECT. 265. Strike out all after the words "is proposed," in the seventh line, and insert in place thereof the words: "Each instructor of sewing shall have general oversight in the department assigned to her, and shall be assisted in teaching by the regular teacher of the class under instruction."

Passed.

Regulations of Normal School. [See pp. 214, 215, 226, 227, 228.]

The order amending the Rules and Regulations relating to the Normal School (see pages 226, 227, 228) came up for its second reading.

The Chair read the following: —

IN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
BOSTON, Dec. 19, 1888.

Communication from Board of Supervisors, regulations of Normal School.

Voted, That the Board of Supervisors petition the School Committee for a hearing before the Committee on Rules and Regulations, upon the changes proposed in regard to examination of Normal School pupils, before further action be taken.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

The order was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Dwight District. — Agnes J. Cushman, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1888.

Mt. Vernon District. — Abner J. Nutter, submaster, Jan. 1, 1889; Ella F. Parsons, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Harvard District. — Olive J. Sawyer, third assistant, from Dec. 5, 1888.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary Butler, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Election of teachers on probation.

Dwight District. — Agnes J. Cushman, second assistant, Primary School, from Nov. 1, 1888.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary C. Moller, fourth assistant, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Prince District. — E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Alice W. Peaslee, third assistant, Abby W. Sullivan, fourth assistant, to the positions of fourth and third assistants, respectively, in the same district, the transfer to date from Jan. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

ASSISTANTS OF EVENING SCHOOLS.

Election of assistants of Evening Schools.

Evening High School, Charlestown Branch. — William R. Morse, from Nov. 19, 1888.

Comins School. — Mary F. Riley, from Nov. 26, 1888.

Franklin School. — Margaret F. Marden, from Nov. 20, 1888; *Teacher of English to Germans.* — Adolf Bromberg, from Oct. 22, 1888.

Hancock School. — Margaret D. Mitchell, from Nov. 26, 1888.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division; principal of Mt. Vernon District.

Mr. Dunn, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Eighth Division, reported the following nomination for the position of principal of the Mt. Vernon District: John C. Ryder, sub-master, twelfth year, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Mt. Vernon District.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dunn, Darling, and Fallon a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. John C. Ryder had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected principal of the Mt. Vernon District, with the rank of sub-master, twelfth year, to date from Jan. 2, 1889.

Ballot for principal of Mt. Vernon District.

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Nov. 27 — an order that this committee consider the expediency of providing a signal for no morning sessions of the public schools whenever a severe storm is in progress, reported that in 1876 the Board adopted a regulation providing for the striking of the number twenty-two by the fire-alarm telegraph, which should be the signal for no morning sessions of the schools. After a trial of one year, the Board, in April, 1877, again amended the Regulations, discontinuing the morning signal.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; suspension of morning sessions of schools in stormy weather. [See page 108.]

At the present time there are no fire-alarm bells in the city proper north of Dover street, with the exception of the bell on Faneuil Hall, and therefore no signal could be given to the residents of this large district.

In view of this fact, and for very many other reasons unnecessary to mention in this report, your committee consider the order impracticable, and that it is inexpedient to take further action on the matter.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Darling, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Feb. 14 — an order "that the sum of six dollars per week, travelling expenses, for such weeks as the schools are in session, be paid to Joseph B.

Report of Committee on Accounts; travelling expenses of J. B. Sharland, special in-

structor in music. [See page 27.]

Sharland, special instructor in music in high schools," reported that they have considered the matter, and are of the opinion that the salary paid the special instructor of music in high schools, as well as to all special instructors, should be made to cover transportation expenses as well as services.

While this committee are of the opinion that Mr. Sharland may be entitled to additional compensation, on account of his peculiar duties, they think it should be given, if at all, as additional salary rather than as indicated in the order. With these views held by your committee, they respectfully report that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Certificate of special grade to Julius Weigman. [See page 229.]

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the vote whereby a certificate of service, special grade, was granted to Julius Weigman, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the order was amended to read as follows: —

Ordered, That a special certificate, as principal of an evening school for instruction in English to Germans, Russians, and others of foreign birth, be granted to Julius Weigman, the certificate to be dated Nov. 26, 1888.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Hygiene, it was

Edition of report of Instructor in Hygiene.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the report of the Instructor in Hygiene be printed.

Report of Committee on Hygiene; communication from Gardner C. Hawkins; system of heating and ventilating. [See page 48.]

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 28 — the communication of Gardner C. Hawkins, reported that they believe the Hawkins system of heating and ventilating is a successful invention; but, as the jurisdiction in the erection and altera-

tion of school-houses lies in the City Council, they report that no action on their part is necessary.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Annual Report, submitted the annual report of the School Committee for 1888. Annual report of School Committee.

Accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, it was

Ordered, That four thousand copies of the report of the Committee on the Annual School Report of 1888 be printed. Edition of Annual School Report.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Nov. 13 — an order that the Committee on Drawing be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for the purchase of casts for the Roxbury Evening Drawing School, reported that no further legislation in the matter is necessary, as the casts have been purchased in accordance with the order, and sent to the school. Report of Committee on Supplies; casts for Evening Drawing School. [See page 204.]

Accepted.

The Chair presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors for 1888, which was ordered to be printed. Annual Report of Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Fifield presented a petition signed by Edvin Johnson and forty-one others, praying for an evening school at Neponset. Petition for evening school at Neponset.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Mr. Abner J. Nutter as principal of the public schools in the Mt. Vernon District, the School Board recognizes his faithful, diligent, and efficient service. For nearly half a century he has taught school. Thirty-one years of this service, with but three days' absence, he has rendered as Resolutions on resignation of Abner J. Nutter.

principal of a grammar school in the town of West Roxbury and the city of Boston.

Resolved, That, in parting with him, the School Committee desire to place on their record their grateful appreciation of his long and valuable service, and to extend to him their best wishes for his happiness.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Mr. Nutter.

Adopted unanimously.

Mr. O'Grady, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of John C. Ryder.

Ordered, That John C. Ryder, sub-master of the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Jan. 2, 1889.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. O'Grady offered the following: —

Visits of teachers to other schools; amendment of Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That the first sentence of Section 220 of the Regulations be amended to read as follows: "Any teacher may visit other schools once a quarter to observe methods of discipline and instruction, provided a substitute, satisfactory to the principal, shall take charge of her class during her absence."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Kindergartens, offered the following: —

Term of service of Mary B. Bacon.

Ordered, That the term of service of Mary B. Bacon, assistant in the Chardon-court Kindergarten, date from Nov. 9, 1888.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Collison, the Board adjourned.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 8, 1889.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Collison, Duryea, Gallagher, Grainger, Hyde, and Murphy.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON,
IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 1, 1888.

Communication from City Council; new school-house, Baker street, Ward 23.

Ordered, That a new school-house be erected on the site of the present one, corner of Baker and Gardner streets, Ward 23, cost not to exceed four thousand dollars; amount of construction to be charged to Appropriation for Schools and School-houses.

Referred to the Committee on Schools and School-houses.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 31, 1888.

The Committee on Schools and School-houses, to whom was referred the order for a new school-house, corner of Baker and Gardner streets, Ward 23, having considered the subject, respectfully recommend reference of the same to the School Committee.

For the Committee,
WM. POWER WILSON, *Chairman.*

Accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence.
Jan. 3, 1889, came up concurred.
True copies.
Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council; additional school accommodations in the George Putnam District.

City of Boston,
In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 31, 1888.

The Committee on Schools, etc., to whom was referred the petition of Henry Scales and others, for additional school accommodations in the George Putnam District, respectfully recommend reference of the petition to the School Committee.

For the Committee,
Wm. Power Wilson, *Chairman.*

Accepted, and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence.
Jan. 3, 1889, came up concurred.
A true copy.
Attest:

JOHN T. PRIEST,
Asst. City Clerk.

Accompanying the communication was the petition referred to, signed by Henry Scales and thirty-three others.

Referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Dunn, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Emerson District. — Lillian G. Bates, third assistant, Jan. 1, 1889.

Lyman District. — William A. Lenihan, third assistant, Jan. 1, 1889.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary P. Crosby, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Emerson District. — Fannie O. Bartlett, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1889. Election of teachers on probation.

Lyman District. — Mabel F. Wilkins, third assistant, from Jan. 2, 1889.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Andrew District. — Caroline M. Walsh, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Bennett District. — Leslie D. Hooper, fourth assistant.

Gaston District. — May M. Ham, fourth assistant.

Hillside District. — Alice M. Robinson, third assistant.

Lincoln District. — Anastasia G. Hyde, third assistant; S. Louella Sweeney, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

ASSISTANT OF EVENING SCHOOL.

Hancock School. — Sarah R. Dodge, from Dec. 12, 1888. Election of an assistant in Evening Schools.

Accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the committees in charge, leave of absence was granted to the following-named teachers for the terms specified, and the substitutes named were approved by the Board: — Leave of absence to teachers; substitutes appointed.

Girls' High School. — Emma W. Kaan, assistant, until April 1, 1889; Ida Collins, substitute. Emma W. Kaan.

Franklin District. — Catherine T. Simonds, second assistant, until April 1, 1889; Sarah N. Macomber, substitute. Catherine T. Simonds.

Mather District. — J. Annie Bense, first assistant, until April 1, 1889; Lena LeV. Dutton, substitute. J. Annie Bense.

Lillie A. Hicks.

Lillie A. Hicks, third assistant, until April 1, 1889; M. Belle Harrington, substitute.

Katherine K. Marlow.

Winthrop District. — Katherine K. Marlow, second assistant, until April 1, 1889; Emily H. Osborne, substitute.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Certificate of service to Annie M. Trundy.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with their recommendation, be authorized to issue a fourth-grade certificate of service to Mrs. Annie M. Trundy, on account of her former good service in the Boston public schools.

Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters; establishment of Kindergartens. [See Minutes, 1887, page 196.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Legislative Matters, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the establishment of Kindergartens, reported that the Kindergartens have been established and adopted by the city, and that no further action on the order referred is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from the City Council; suspension of morning sessions of schools. [See page 233.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Dec. 26 — the communication from the City Council relative to the suspension of the morning session of the public schools, reported that the committee have submitted a report upon the matter, and ask to be relieved from further consideration of the subject.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; charges against sub-master of the Bigelow School. [See Minutes, 1887, page 178.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred from the files of last year a communication concerning a sub-master in the Bigelow School, reported that the subject had received the attention of the committee, and that no further action on the communication was necessary.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, it was

Edition of annual report of Board of Supervisors.

Ordered, That sixteen hundred copies of the annual report of the Board of Supervisors for 1888 be printed.

Communication from Rev. Luther Farnham, for use of hall of school-house for religious purposes. [See pp. 144, 172.]

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the communication of Rev. Luther Farnham, asking the Board to grant the use of an unoccupied hall in the lower part of a school-house in West Roxbury, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Fallon, the petitioner was granted leave to withdraw.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; regulations of Normal school. [See pp. 214, 215, 226, 227, 228, 234, 235.]

Mr. Fallon, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Dec. 26 — the order proposing changes in the Rules and Regulations relating to the Normal School, and the petition of the Board of Supervisors to be heard by the committee before further action be taken by the Board on the order, reported that the committee have heard the Board of Supervisors and the head-master of the Normal School, and, after consideration, recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows: —

Sect. 94. Strike out all after the word "Instructors," in the ninth line, and substitute the following: "already provided for in this section, there shall be a second assistant for service in the Normal and Training Schools, a second assistant for service in the Normal School and Normal Kindergarten, and a special teacher of drawing and blackboard illustration."

Sect. 295. Amend the section so that the last sentence shall read: "The course of study in this school shall be for a year and a half, and shall be divided into three terms, of five months each."

Sect. 296. Insert after the words "other candidates must show to the" in the seventh line, the words "Board of Supervisors conjointly with the." Strike out all after the word "proper" in the thirteenth line.

Sect. 297. Substitute the following: "The Board of Supervisors, conjointly with the head-master, shall examine the pupils in the Normal School, make promotions from class to class, and at the close

of the course submit the results of their examinations and the rank of the pupils, together with their own recommendations, to the Committee on Examinations, who shall award the diplomas. Pupils who fail of promotion or graduation at the close of any term may join the following class; but no pupil shall repeat the work of any term more than once."

SECT. 300. After the word "the," in the first line, insert, "Thursday following the." Strike out the words "and with such exercises."

SECT. 304. Strike out the words, "for not less than six weeks of each school year," and in place thereof insert, "four weeks during the second term and ten weeks during the third term." Add the following at the end of the section: "Principals of schools in which the Normal pupils observe and practise shall report to the headmaster, in writing, their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such pupils."

SECT. 305. After the words "for the," in the second line, insert "further." Add the following at the end of the section: "Regular instruction shall be provided for the pupils of the post-graduate class for one term only; but they may attend the instruction given in the other classes for the rest of the year."

SECT. 306. Strike out all after the word "follows," in the second line, and substitute the following: —

1. Psychology and Logic.
2. Principles of Education.
3. Methods of Instruction and Discipline.
4. Physiology and Hygiene.
5. The Studies of the Primary and Grammar Schools.
6. Observation and Practice in the Training School.
7. Observation and Practice in the other Public Schools.
8. Science of Language.
9. Phonics.
10. Gymnastics.
11. Vocal Music.
12. Drawing and Blackboard Illustration.
13. Special study of the Theory and Practice of the Kindergarten, for those members of the post-graduate class who desire to qualify themselves for teaching in that department.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, the order was amended by inserting after the word "diplomas," in section 297, the

following words: "Questions for the diploma examinations in the Normal School shall be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

The order, as amended, passed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board. Unfinished business referred.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Ordered, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. William C. Williamson, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year. The Board regrets the retirement of Mr. Williamson from the School Committee, and extends to him its sincere wishes for his future prosperity and happiness. Vote of thanks to the President.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President responded in a brief and courteous address.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

The President in his closing address to the School Board, Jan. 8, 1889, presented the following statement: —

SCHOOL EXPENSES.—SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

This appropriation includes, at the present time, salaries paid janitors, fuel, gas, and water, books, supplies, and all other expenditures of the School Committee, exclusive of salaries paid instructors and officers. The following is a comparative statement of the total net expenditures incurred by the School Committee for the past fifteen years and nine months, from the appropriation granted them by the City Council for School Expenses, covering a period from April 1, 1873, to Jan. 1, 1889.

	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89. 9 months.
No. of Pupils	43,258	46,464	49,317	50,308	51,759	53,262	53,981	54,712	55,638	57,554	58,788	59,706	61,259	62,259	62,226	
Books, Stationery, and Drawing Materials	$67,937 47	$78,181 67	$72,372 35	$75,629 76	$61,057 13	$63,473 78	$76,621 67	$21,003 26	$7,569 57	$15,309 74	$14,107 76	$80,779 82	$58,760 77	$42,890 13	$43,721 29	$39,018 62
Printing	11,694 34	13,084 18	11,633 27	10,456 17	14,327 71	11,731 19	8,292 03	7,401 84	7,403 57	4,885 23	5,471 94	5,614 66	5,319 25	4,620 81	4,775 89	4,319 89
Apparatus	5,960 87	8,537 70	7,213 16	8,465 11	8,830 80	9,356 06	4,479 45	5,033 33	3,241 91	897 19	871 56	1,230 38	1,807 02	1,035 15	1,356 27	1,070 66
Slates, Erasers, etc.	5,725 66	6,671 06	3,740 68	4,616 58	2,558 41	6,240 50	882 77	3,329 37	1,508 46	992 76	2,008 12	1,706 08	2,142 32	1,818 95	1,647 41	1,111 46
Pianos and Repairs	2,804 00	4,115 00	2,744 16	3,186 41	1,325 59	2,827 80	1,213 00	1,321 00	1,760 50	2,045 50	1,269 00	1,771 00	2,048 50	1,597 50	1,503 50	1,265 00
Annual and Musical Festivals	5,882 66	5,770 16	3,332 31	3,273 36	5,304 27	2,375 19	2,009 67	1,975 49	1,893 24	1,907 34	2,837 98	1,834 17	1,949 19	1,821 18	1,906 67	2,104 14
Janitors' Supplies	.....	.....	.....	2,683 67	3,928 30	2,687 52	1,822 63	6,490 63	3,038 91	2,906 65	3,037 15	3,138 63	3,406 21	3,115 70	3,364 25	2,393 38
School Census	1,250 00	1,950 00	1,800 00	1,885 00	1,437 12	1,396 12	1,620 40	1,042 75	943 45	905 00	935 00	1,003 00	1,094 90	999 50	1,024 50	1,074 50
Teaming	1,514 02	2,071 03	2,429 27	2,895 76	2,535 04	2,717 51	1,493 90	622 15	227 09	243 72	178 42	182 39	87 43	48 55	118 81	57 33
Advertising	1,991 50	1,941 06	1,503 42	1,444 48	1,311 86	917 31	821 42	617 29	442 93	202 05	222 48	265 69	245 88	238 47	172 37	206 69
Globes, Maps, and Charts	2,274 75	9,174 83	1,957 44	520 57	1,438 93	577 31	110 50	637 10	746 43	662 26	836 14	716 03	639 30	720 09	592 10	1,756 51
Delivering Supplies	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,000 00	12,000 00	12,000 00	12,000 00	12,000 00	7,040 83	5,160 00	4,820 01	4,852 89	3,681 00
Guns, etc., for School Regiment,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,462 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manual Training	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,711 53	515 35	641 26	677 94
Miscellaneous	8,899 68	6,400 02	5,248 82	7,616 38	6,625 30	7,043 39	4,875 58	4,088 72	4,015 27	3,900 87	3,191 00	3,379 29	3,156 00	2,862 15	3,493 66	3,834 61
	$115,934 95	$137,896 71	$113,974 88	$122,673 25	$110,680 46	$111,343 68	$113,243 02	$65,562 93	$44,788 33	$46,858 31	$46,966 55	$118,123 97	$87,528 30	$67,103 54	$69,170 87	$62,580 73
Fuel, Gas, and Water	.....	.....	.....	55,490 16	53,321 70	47,678 94	40,920 22	57,483 62	57,593 17	60,863 11	66,068 59	61,325 41	58,417 53	57,216 67	71,048 76	62,977 36
Salaries of Janitors	.....	.....	.....	77,654 63	75,109 93	73,728 94	74,594 40	77,204 10	79,791 50	81,281 84	83,182 71	84,982 91	86,301 38	89,802 95	98,947 00	73,743 46
Total net expenditure	$115,934 95	$137,896 71	$113,974 88	$255,818 04	$239,112 09	$232,751 56	$228,757 64	$200,250 65	$182,173 00	$189,003 26	$196,217 85	$264,432 29	$232,547 21	$214,123 16	$239,166 63	$199,301 55

Previous to 1876–77, the expenses for fuel, gas, and water, salaries of janitors, and supplies furnished janitors, were paid by a committee of the City Council from an appropriation granted them for that purpose. Since that time the School Committee have paid for these items from their appropriation.

During the past twelve years and nine months the School Committee have paid from the appropriation "School Expenses" more than $600,000 for fuel, the contracts all being made and the prices fixed by the City Council or some department of the City Government.

The School Committee have increased the salaries paid janitors, since 1876–77, about five per cent. The acquisition of new buildings, increased accommodations in other buildings, the change of heating apparatus, and the care of engines for ventilating purposes, have necessarily added to the cost of this item.

In the financial year 1887–88 janitors were paid twelve and one-third months' salary, which brought their date of payment up to April 1, the close of the financial year, instead of to March 20, as in former years. This partly accounts for the increase that year.

Previous to 1879–80 a portion of the cost for "delivering supplies" (salaries of clerks) was charged to the appropriation "Salaries of Officers."

During the past four years an additional expense of $3,546.08 for manual training has been charged to School Expenses.

In the expenses for the past nine months are included $847.88, for supplies furnished Kindergartens, which amount will be transferred at the close of the year to the special appropriation for Kindergartens and credited to School Expenses. This amount is included in the $3,834.61 under the head of miscellaneous.

Since August 1, 1884, the School Committee have furnished all pupils with books and supplies at the expense of the city under the free text-book law. The introduction of free text-books and supplies in 1884–85 was the cause of the increase of expenses that year.

The net cost per pupil, during the past fifteen years, for books and supplies furnished pupils, and for all other expenses of the School Committee, exclusive of salaries, and fuel, gas, and water, has been as follows: —

1873–74, $2 68	1876–77, $2 44	1879–80, $2 10	1882–83, $0 81	1884–85, $1 98	1886–87, $1 08
1874–75, 2 97	1877–78, 2 14	1880–81, 1 20	1883–84, 80	1885–86, 1 43	1887–88, 1 11
1875–76, 2 31	1878–79, 2 09	1881–82, 80			

The average cost the last four years, notwithstanding the increase occasioned by the free text-book law, was $1.40 per pupil, as compared with $2.60 for the first four years enumerated, when the city only supplied indigent pupils.

In 1874–75 the total cost for educating each pupil (including expenditures made by the Public Building Department for repairs, etc.) reached the highest point, viz., $36.54. Since then, excepting in two years, the cost has steadily decreased until 1886–87, when the lowest point was reached, viz., $26.06. For the last financial year (1887–88) the cost was $28.00 per pupil, an increase of $1.94 over the previous year. Of this amount 78 cents belonged to the expenditures controlled by the School Committee, and $1.16 to those controlled by the Public Building Department. The fire in the Gaston School-house occasioned about two-fifths of the increase in the rate per pupil for the past year (1887–88) as compared with the preceding year.

The City Council having reduced the estimates of the School Committee for the present year $57,678, an additional appropriation of $41,000 has been requested to meet the expenses necessary for carrying on the schools to the close of the financial year.

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